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To August 24th. 1877

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May 2 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Minor coins redeemed, minted and exchanged during April 1877.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage operations during the same month.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 2 7

Madam.

In compliance with the request of Bishop Simpson and yourself, I appointed Mrs. Mary J. House as an Adjuster in the Mint, at $1.75 per diem; and the appointment having been confirmed at Washington, I will thank you to notify Mrs. House, and request her to take and subscribe the endorsed official oath, (which is required by law) and report for duty as soon as may be convenient bringing the oath with her when she comes.

Yours very Truly

Mrs. E. H. Simpson.
1817 Atherton St.

Supt

May 2 7

Madam.

I have appointed you as an Adjuster in the Mint, at $1.75 a day. You will please take and subscribe the enclosed official oath, (which is required by law) and enter upon your duties as soon as convenient, bringing the oath with you when you come.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Miss.
Mary M. Yeager.
1428 Willington St
Phila

May 2 7

Sir.

Your proposition to furnish for the deposit Room, a 5,000 oz Balance and weights, has been approved by the Director, and is accepted. Please call on me at your early convenience, to make definite arrangements with regard to it.

Very Respectfully

Jas Ellwood

Supt

Mr.

Henry Ewens.

710 Market St

Phila

May 2nd 7

Sir,

In compliance with your instructions of the 28th ultimo, the Engraver will proceed to make a pair of dies for an experimental fifty-dollar gold coin, the devices to be identical with those on the obverse and reverse of the present Double Eagle, and the dies to conform in other respects to the directions given in your letter.

As suggested, I have conferred with the Assayer and the Engraver with regard to the fineness and concavity of the proposed new coin, and herewith transmit their views in writing. I entirely concur with the opinions they express

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snowden Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

22nd May 1

Sir

I Enclose detailed Statement of proceeds of Silver Bullion at this mint for the month of April as requested in your letter of the 20th inst.

I am Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[signature]
Superintendent

To
Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 2nd 7

Sir,

Your letter of April 28th complaining of a deficiency of $100. in a box of $5.000. in Silver coin, forwarded to you from the Mint, by the Adams Express Co. has been received.

I have made thorough investigation here, and find that the full amount of coin was delivered by the Cashier of the Mint, to the Agent of the Adams Express Co. who has charge of their Mint business; and that the sealed box containing the amount of Silver coin specified, viz; $500, in quarters and $500. in dimes, and weighing 67 lbs. was forwarded to your address from

from this city, by the Adams Express Co.

The Merit is not in our fault, and I am informed that the Adams Express Co. will make immediate investigation at Chicago, to fix the responsibility of the loss on the right parties.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

W. H. Snyder Esq.
Cashier Merchants Nat. Bank
Galena, Ills.

May 2nd 7

Sir,

In compliance with your directions of the 27th ultimo; the Walnut Cabinet, used for the Mint exhibit of medals and coins at the Centennial Exposition, has this day been delivered to the Philada. Wilmington and Balto. Rail Road Co., properly packed and addressed, to be forwarded to you as freight.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ellis

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

May 2 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 1st inst. and the copy enclosed of your communication to the Superintendent of the New York Assay office declining to relax the rule requiring fine silver to be furnished by the Assay Office, gives great satisfaction here, and relieves both myself and Prof. Booth from no little anxiety on account of the vexatious embarrassments which were to be feared if the present regulations on that subject had been changed. Your decision places this Mint on solid ground

Very respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.

May 3 7

Sir.

I herewith forward the official oath of Miss. Mary M. Yeager, an Assistant in the Coining department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Hon.
W. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 3 7

Sir.

As promised in my letter to you of the 1st inst, I herewith forward a more detailed and specific statement by the Coiner of the improvements which our experience shows should be made in the Sayes Automatic Adjusting Machine.

I also enclose a drawing of the proposed modifications, with Mr. Weibermaier's explanations in German, and an envelope containing three unmilled planchets, half dollar, quarter dollar and dime.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.

May 3 7

Sir.

I herewith forward a report from our Coiner, Mr. Boobyshell, with regard to the Gill assorking machine, together with the respective letters of Messrs. Gill, Whittmore and Metcalfe on that subject.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

May 3 7

Parker Handy Esq.
24 Nassau st.
N.Y.

Sir

At the request of the Director, at Washington, I enclose you $47.00 in gold, to pay for specimens of foreign coin received here. Please send ack.t of receipt.

Respectfully yours

$47.- gold

Jas. R. Snowden
Supt.

May 3 1

Dear Sir

The coin sent by you & now returned, is rather different from any we have seen, but appears to be of Tunis, & dated 1274 of the Mohammedan era, equal to A.D. 1858. It is gold, worth probably 80 cents, weight 106 grains.

Respectfully yours
&c
Jas. Pinch
Sept 5

Mr Daniel C. Haskin
Syracuse. N.Y.

May 3d 7

Sir

I forward to day my Bullion & Coinage etc. &c. for the 1st quarter 1877.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Linn

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

May 7 7

Sir.

You will please cause to be prepared and forward to the Mint at San Francisco as early as practicable, the following dies, viz.

Quarter Dollar dies, obverse, 24.

" " do. Reverse, 24.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Wm Barber Esq

Engraver

May 7 7

Gentlemen.

I herewith return the two dimes inclosed in your letter of the 2d inst.

Although not as perfect in execution as they might be, yet they are genuine. They were struck at the Mint at Carson, Nevada. There are but few bogus dimes in circulation. Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
Fletcher & Sharpe.
Indianapolis
Ind

May 7 7

Sir

Your requisition of the 3d inst., for 24 pair Quarter Dollar dies for the Mint at San Francisco, has been received; and will be filled in one week from this date.

Very Respectfully

J. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

May 4 7

Sir

I herewith forward Statements of our Melting and Refining Building operations and Gold and Silver melting for the month of April 1877.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 4 7

Sir.

Your circular letter of the 3d inst. with regard to the manner and time of making the annual settlement has been received, and I have given instructions for a liberal and prompt compliance with its directions.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

May 4 7

Sir.

I herewith forward the official oath of Mrs. Mary L. House, an Assistant in this Mint

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
R. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 4 7

Sir.

In compliance with the request of Secretary Sherman, transmitted through Asst Secretary McCormick and yourself, I have appointed Harvey S. Durnall, as a Laborer in the general department of this Mint, at $2.75 per diem, this appointment to take effect from the date of his official oath.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kelly
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 5th 7

Sir.

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the following sums, out of our current appropriations, for the service of this Mint during the month ending the 31st of May inst.

Salaries	$ 3,000.
Wages	12,000.
Incidentals	5,000.

The aggregate amount, you will observe, is much less than usual.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bolles

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.

Mch 5 7

Sir.

Please make requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor as Superintendent of this Mint, for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500) gold coin, to meet expenses of the Refinery during the month ending the 31st of May, inst.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 5 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending May 5. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Ryon Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

6th mo 7

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of the 1st instant I would state that if your bullion is of the same fineness as our coin 900 parts Silver 250 ounces would produce 282. Trade dollars. In regard to the price of trade dollars in currency it varies from two to four per cent premium

Very Respectfully

J. A. Snowden
Superintendent

J. P. Lassalle Esq.
No. 30 Clay Street
Baltimore
Md.

May 7 7

Sir.

Your letter of the
4th inst received.

Your request to strike
a set of our silver coins
in gold cannot be complied
with. It would be a viola-
tion of law.

Very Respectfully
J. E. Eckert
Supt

Mr. John Rice.
Detroit Mich.

May 7 7

Sir.

I have appointed you a Laborer in the Mint, at $2.75 per diem,

You will please report to me for duty, bringing with you the enclosed official oath, which is required by law, and which must be taken and subscribed before a Notary, or Magistrate.

Very Respectfully

Mr. Harvey L. Durnell.
604 Spruce St
Phila.

May 7th 7

Sir,

I herewith forward a communication from our Assayer Mr. Du Bois, transmitting a tabular statement of the result of the assay of certain foreign gold coins, made in compliance with the directions contained in your letters of April 10th and 13th and May 1. 1877.

There was no appreciable difference between the bullion value and the cost of these coins.

I tested these coins by placing the obverse sides together and found that those of Austria and Australia did not lie close together, but rocked somewhat, as stated by Mr. DuBois.

Very Respectfully
J. C. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

June 8 1867.

Sir.

I herewith forward the oath of office of Harvey S. Durnall, Laborer in the General department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 8 7

Sir.

Your draft of the 5th inst. No. 6000 on the National Park Bank of New York, for $1,000. is herewith returned, it not being the kind of remittance required by the Treasury Department in exchange for subsidiary silver coin.

The enclosed circular from Secretary Sherman will show you how to proceed.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Booth. Esq
Asst Cashier.
Rochester
Minn.

May 8 7

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst received, and the money ($225. currency) remains in the hands of the Adams Express Agent, awaiting further instructions

You will see by the inclosed circular that the Mint does not sell Trade Dollars or exchange them for currency. The Express Agent however, can buy them for you, of Brokers, if you so direct. I am informed they command a premium, at the present time, of six per cent.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Lynch
Cash

Mr. J. P. Lasell.
Baltimore. Md

May 9 7

Sir.

In reply to your inquiry of the 8th inst. I have to report the following balances on hand on the 1st of May, inst.

Ordinary Account.

Salaries	$ 811.17
Wages	11,466.83
Incidentals	11. 115. 92.

Refinery Account.

$ 363.57 Gold.

Sub. Silver Coinage Account

$ 11. 230. 96.

Very Resp'y

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington.

May 9 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 8th inst received.

Silver 3 ¢ pieces are a legal tender to the amount not exceeding thirty cents in any one payment, but there is no provision of law for their redemption or exchange.

You could deposit them at the Mint as bullion in sums not less than $100, and have them coined into Trade dollars, but you would lose about 15 to 20 per cent by the operation.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kirk
Supt

Wm. B. Cox.
Camden N.J.

May 10 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 9th inst has been received.

As the 2do pairs of rolls for the Denver Mint will be delivered tomorrow morning it is too late to countermand the order.

The cash is 85 cents per pair.

Very Respectfully

Jas. A. Ellicott
Supt

Hon.
R. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 11 1857

Sir.

The silver mentioned in your letter of the 10th inst has been received by the Mink Agent of the Adams Express Co, but as we have nothing to do with "market value", he holds it for further instructions. The Mink can only make returns in Trade Dollars or Cash, as you will see by the enclosed circular. There you can sell to Banks or Brokers at whatever the market rate may be at the time, or the Express Agent can do so for you, as an extra service, if you so direct.

Very Respectfully

Mr. J. Castelberg.

Baltimore Md.

May 11 7

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co, as per the enclosed receipt, 24 obverse and 24 Reverse, quarter dollar dies, called for in your requisition of the 8th of May, inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 12 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed, for week ending May 12. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 12 7

Sir.

Your sight draft of the 10th inst, on the 1st Park Bank of New-York for $200, has been received.

We have no 1$ and 5$ pieces of 1877, but can give you those of former years that have been redeemed and cleaned for reissue.

I cannot issue subsidiary silver coins to the public, except upon a transfer order from the Treasury Department, and then not in less sums than $1,000.

I retain your draft for further instructions.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kimball

Cash

S. H. Norman Esq. Cas

Newport

R. I.

May 12 7

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward Statement of Silver Workings in the Coiners Department for the month of April 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 14 7

Sir.

Yours of the 11th inst has been received.

There is no premium paid by the Mint on the cents of 1857 and 1858, or of any other date. You remark that the cents of that date (1857) are certain gold is untrue.

The exchange and redemption will be according to the terms of the enclosed circular.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Mr. J. J. Main.
120 So. Washington St.

Penna

May 14th 7

Sir

I report the following as the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business on the 13th inst. viz:

Melted & Refined Ozs. 1.450.223.00
Coins 190.500.

Total Ozs. 1.640.723.00

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 14 7

Sir.

As requested in your letter of the 12th inst. I herewith enclose Bill of Lading of the Philadelphia Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road for the coin case shipped to your address May 2. inst.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Asst

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 15 1867

Sir.

Y. L. Olmstead, employed in the general department, at $2.50 per diem, has resigned his position, to take effect June 1st proximo. His resignation has been accepted, and his name will be dropped from the rolls, accordingly.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Bellock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 16th 7

Sir.

By request of the Assayer in charge of the Denver Mint, under date of May 3d. I enclose herewith, for the Secretary of the Treasury, b/s of the 14th inst, in the name of the Assayer, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $87.82 coin, on account of charges at that Mint for the quarter ending March 31. 1877.

Very Respectfully,

John J. Knox

Comptr

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

May 15 7

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 3d inst, I enclose herewith duplicate b/d. May 14th. in your name, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, for $87.82 coin, on account of charges at your Mint for quarter ending March 31. 1877, being the coinage product of the unparted gold as specified in your letter.

Mint Memorandum No. 622 also enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Supt

J. J. L. Schirmer. Esq
Assayer Mint U. S.

Denver, Col.

May 15th 1877

Sir.

I forward herewith my Ordinary, Returning, and Subsidiary Short Courage A/c's. for April 1877.

Very Respy Your
Obt Servt
Supt.

Hon H. L. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 16 7

Sir

I have to state that the large Hyax bicentennial coining Press, purchased by you for the use of this Mint, has been delivered by Messrs. Morgan & Orr, and is now being put in working order in the Coining Room of the machinists of this institution.

Very Respectfully
J. Eckfeldt
Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

P. S. I have given a copy of the above to Morgan & Orr as their voucher.

J. E. Supt

May 16 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 28th ult.
March to the Secy of the Treasury,
with regard to position of "Assayer
or refiner in one of the Assay Offices
or Branch Mints of the U.S." has
been referred to me for reply.

As far as this Mint is con-
cerned our Assay and Refining
departments are fully and skilfully
manned, with no vacancy, or demand
for additional assistance.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Wesley Jones. M.C.

Coudersport.

Pa.

May 16 7

Sir.

Acknowledging the receipt this morning of your letter of the 15th inst, I have to state in reply that I have kept minor coinage and regular ordinary expenses separate, in pursuance of instructions from your office, so that at any time the amount so paid could be seen at a glance. The division of my pay rolls into "Regular" and "Minor Coinage" was made under verbal directions from you in 1870. When the minor coinage was large this was very proper, but now that there is no minor coinage of

importance, the rolls generally might be consolidated, except as regards the men in the cent redemption office, who are specially engaged in the work of redemption and reissue.

Under the latter clause of the 29th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, the cost of distributing minor coins to the public must be paid from the minor coinage profit fund, and some new minor coinage would seem to be required from time to time in order to keep up that fund so far as may be actually necessary in filling orders for minor coins.

Very Respectfully

J. N. Burrell
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

May 16 47

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst was received this morning, and in compliance with your request your draft of the 10th inst, is herewith returned.

The Mint has not coined any one cent pieces since the 25th of January last, and has not a single new one now on hand, nor did we have when your draft was received.

Orders and remittances for minor coins are numbered, and are filled in the order of their date, and such coins as we have on hand at the time, whether old or new, are issued. When the neighbors, of whom you speak, were supplied, there were doubtless some new coin still on hand

and they, of course received them.

Under our present instructions from the Treasury Department, at Washington, new one cent pieces are not likely to be struck for a good while to come. We are working exclusively on gold and silver coinage, mostly the latter.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

S. G. Norman. Esq. Cas
Newport
R. I.

P.S.
The cent you enclosed, and herewith returned, is genuine.

May 16 7

Sir.

Inquiry has been made this morning by Mr. Thomas Hart, of this city, about a bill of his against the Mint for $3.96, incurred during the last fiscal year, and which I think was included in a deficiency bill passed at the recent session of Congress. Will you advise me whether it was thus provided for, and if so, when and how Mr. Hart can be favored with a remittance of the amount.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

May 16 7

Sir

Yours of the 15th inst has been received.

Your proper course to dispose of the coin collection you speak of, would be to consult regular coin dealers, of whom we have two in this city, John W. Kline, 212 South Eighth Street, and John W. Haseltine, 1220 Chestnut Street. The Mint could not aid in the matter.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snowden
Supt

E. Jordon. Esq
Harrisburg
Pa

Mar 16 7

Sir

Yours of the 10th inst has been received.

Your proper course to dispose of the coin collection you speak of, would be to consult regular coin dealers, of whom we have two in this city, John W. Kline, 212 South Eighth Street, and John W. Haseltine, 1220 Chestnut Street. The Mint could not aid in the matter.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snowden

Supt

L. Jordon. Esq
Harrisburg
Pa

Another letter, in reply to below - May 18/7 - with order for certain medals, & offer of fruit - in Medal Clerk's file - and in Medal Letter Book (TKV) p 328 May 21 -

May 16 7

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst. has been received.

Whenever pattern pieces are adopted they are placed on the list, and sold publicly as stated in the circular herewith enclosed. None have been adopted and placed on the list since 1870, and if any are out it has been in violation of the regulations, and without my knowledge or consent.

The special arrangement you propose is wholly unnecessary, and utterly unadvisable.

H. R. Smith, Esq
New York.

Very Respectfully
J. C. Ayer Jr Supt

May 16 7

Sir.

The 200 Spare mitts for the Mint at Denver, called for in your requisition of the 2d inst. were forwarded to Denver, by the Compins Transportation Co. on the 14th inst. Duplicate bills of lading are herewith enclosed.

I also enclose for payment as per your directions, approved bill in duplicate of Mr. S. B. Boyd, for the mitts, and freight to dep.t amounting to $171.22

Very Respectfully

A. Loudon

Supt

Hon

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

May 17th 7

Gentlemen

I beg to enclose Statement of Specie for Sale, and for which your bid is respectfully solicited Payment to made in Double Eagles if such might prior to the delivery of the Specie at the Mint. Please send your bid in, on or before the 22d inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ellis
Supt

Miss E. Baldwin & Son
Newark
N. J.

Albany 17th 7

Gentlemen

I enclose a statement of Dresses for sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight & prior to the delivering of the Dresses at the Mint. Please send your bid in, on or before the 22d inst.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Sept

Howard & Mitchell
1 John St.
New York

May 7th 1

Gentlemen.

I hand you Statement of Troops for Sale, and beg to ask that you will favor me with your offer. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight prior to the delivery of the Troops at the Mint.

Please send your bid in on or before the 22nd inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs C. S. Cannon & Son

Newark

N. J.

May 1st

Gentlemen

I enclose a Statement of Assays for Sale and for which your bid is requested. Payment to made in Double Eagles of fine weight prior to the delivery of the Assays at the Mint. Please send your bid in, on or before the 2d Inst.

I am Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Svt.
Supt

R. Longman & Son
31 John St.
New York

131 lb 6 oz	Do	4672	12.382	447.63
141 lb 7 oz	Do	4376	16.177	445.38
151 lb 4 oz	Do	4548	7053	548.16
121 lb 1 oz	Do	4635	15.923	426.89
141 lb 8 oz	Do	4487	8413	376.79
181 lb 4 oz	Do	4488	19.022	391.66
91 lb 2 oz	Do	4207	18.147	357.23
21 lb 1 oz	Do	4679	93.630	208.46
			35.924	4.258	2.446.80

Coinage of Gold 2.339.67

Do Do Silver 3.964.91

6.304.58

31 fc

130 & 140	Mo	[illegible]	11572	12383	1172.53
140 & 150	Do	[illegible]	4376	16177	425.38
150 & 160	Do	[illegible]	[illegible]	7058	821.16
160 & 170	Do	[illegible]	16358	15933	1126.89
170 & 180	Do	[illegible]	[illegible]	8413	376.79
180 & 190	Do	[illegible]	[illegible]	19022	394.66
190 & 200	Do	[illegible]	[illegible]	18109	357.23
120 & 130	Sept'b	[illegible]	4619	33630	208.16
			31.30.924	[illegible]	6186.80

Carried off Gold 2.33767

Do Dollar Silver 3.26491

6.60258

131 to 140	M & R	11072	12.328	492.53
141 to 150	Do	11376	16.177	1295.28
151 to 160	Do	11404	7.052	528.16
161 to 170	Do.	11435	15.933	1126.89
171 to 180	Do	11487	8.413	376.79
181 to 190	Do	11504	19.022	392.66
191 to 200	Do	11209	13.119	85.723
201 to 180	Duplo	9572	33.630	208.96
		35.904	132.854	6186.80

Coin Value of Gold 2.339 67
Do Do. Silver 396491.
6.30458

131 & 140	M&R	4057.2	12383	492.53
141 & 150	Do.	4376	16177	425.38
151 & 160	Do	4514	7053	528.16
161 & 170	Do.	4635	15933	426.89
171 & 180	Do	4487	8403	376.79
181 & 190	Do	4454	19022	391.66
191 & 200	Do	4207	13407	357.23
121 & 130	Supts	4679	33630	208.16
		35924	125758	3186.80

Coin Value of Gold 2,339 67

Do. Do Silver 3,964 21

6,304 58

May 18 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 16th inst. has been received.

The Mint does not receive Trade Dollars in exchange for Minor coins, and of the latter I may add we have no new ones on hand. We missed old ones. Two cent pieces have not been coined since 1870.

You could sell your Trade Dollars for currency, and remit by draft as per the enclosed circular.

Very Respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
S. J. Myers.
Boston Mass.

May 18 7

Sir.

Your P. O. Money order of the 16th inst has been received.

We have no new 1¢ and 3¢ pieces. We can only send you those that have been redeemed, and cleaned for reissue.

I retain your postal order for further instructions.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Ino Bonsell.
St Louis
Mo

May 18 7

Sir.

Your draft of the 16th inst No. 10931, on the Ninth National Bank, of New York, for $1,000. is herewith returned, it not being the kind of remittance required by the Treasury Department in exchange for subsidiary silver coins.

The enclosed circular from Secretary Sherman will show you how to proceed.

Very Respectfully

Lucius Lilley, Esq. Cas.
Tecumseh
Mich.

May 18 7

Sir.

The letter from Raleigh, N. C. referred to by you on the 17th inst, was duly received, and is herewith returned, with our Assayers report that the ore is of no value.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Hon.

A. R. Leiderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 18th

Sir

In view of the Scarcity of Fractional Currency and Small notes in our Vaults necessary for Change, I write to ask for authority to exchange say $5000 in large notes for a like Sum of Silver, with the Asst. Treas. near here, if such a Course is not objectionable, which I suppose it is not.

Very Respectfully Your's

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. N. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

May 18 7

Sir.

I herewith forward the official bond of Mr. O. B. Jones, Calculator in the general department of this Mint, with the affidavit of the surety, Hon. John B. Packer, M. C. from the Northumberland district.

The surety is amply sufficient.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 18 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 17th inst. received.

The Mint does not furnish gold bars, such as are called for in your letter.

We make fine bars, on the terms of the enclosed circular, if the bullion is deposited for that purpose.

U. S. gold coin is nine-tenths fine.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Colwell
Supt

Mr. J. Kinney.
Buffalo N.Y.

May 19 7

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending May 19, 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Asst

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 21 7

The following report of the Assayer of the N. Y. Assay Office, of the assay of test coins received at this Mint in May 1877, has been handed to the Coiner, Melter & Refiner, & Assayer

Denomination.	Weight.	Fineness.	
	grains.	gold.	Silver
Double Eagle	516.20	900.	2
Eagle	258.10	900	0
Trade Dollar	420.00	.1	899.5
Quarter do	96.20	.1	900.6
Dime.	38.20	.1	899.8

Jas Pollock.

Supt

Assayer

May 22 7

Sir.

Yours of the 21 inst received. No cents were issued in 1815 of any kind. Only specimen nickel cents were struck in 1856, the regular issue commencing in 1857. The alloy of the small copper cents is 95 parts copper and 5 parts tin and zinc. The Mint exchanges cents for U. S. notes on the terms of the enclosed circular. I also enclose price list of medals and coins. For old U. S. cents you must apply to coin dealers and collectors Mr. G. Bogan. No 408 State St. Brooklyn, is a well known dealer in coins.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
John G. Dater.
Brooklyn. N. Y.

Copy

May 15th 1

Wm. George Hamilton
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 7th Instant, in forwarding to the Cabinet of the Mint, a fine specimen in glass case, made by the distinguished Physiognomist, and Director of the Mint in former days, Doctor Rittenhouse.

The Assayer finds, that without any material detriment, it is possible to impress upon Proofs, that shall then Bear it, at any future time, to be taken out of the boundaries of Pennsylvania.

Truly Yours

May 22d 7

Sir

Under the instructions of the Director of the Mint dated the 19th inst, I hand you herewith Original C.N. No. 966 for Five Thousand (5000) Dollars for which I will thank you to furnish me with a transfer Letter for $5000 (Half Eagles) in Subsidiary Silver Coin, to be used as change in transacting the business of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Powell
Asst

Hon. A. U. Wyman
Treasurer U.S.
Washington

May 22 [illegible]

Sir

I report the balance of Silver Bullion on hand 19th inst. as follows:

Mint at Refining Oz 1.267.220.90

Coins 247.000.

Total Oz. 1.514.220.90

Very Respectfully

J.P. Hollock

Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 22 7

Sir:

I will thank you to send me a blank bond to be executed by Mr. O. B. Jones, deposit clerk of this Mint. I have none on hand.

Would it not be well to send me half a dozen blank bonds, and affidavits of sureties, for future use, as occasion may require.

Very Respectfully

H. C. Kickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
R. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

May 22 /

C. W. Adkins Esq

Dear Sir

The box of stones sent by you, gives the following result of assay:

Silver, two (2) ounces per ton. Say $2.00

Gold, a trace.

It is a porphyre of Zinc, which metal generally contains a trace of silver.

It is of no value.

Expenses paid. $5. —

Respectfully yours

John Prescott

Asst. G.

Kanawha.

Geo.

May 23d 7

Gentlemen.

Your bid for the Precepts offered is respectfully declined.

Please accept my thanks for your attention

Very Respectfully

Jas. Brock

Supt.

Messrs. C. S. Dennis & Son

Newark

N. J.

May 23d 7

Gentlemen

Your bid for the Arcps offered is respectfully declined. Please accept my thanks for your attention

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

R. Longman's Sons

New York

May 23d 7

Gentlemen,

Your offer for the Sweeps is respectfully declined
Please accept my thanks for your attention.

Very Respectfully
Jas Lloyd
Sup't

Messrs E. Ballach & Son
Newark
N. J

May 23d 1

Gentlemen

Your bid for the Specie offered for Sale under date of the 17th inst, 35.92 Pounds @ $81 60 per 100 = Gold Coin = $117 18 is accepted, being the highest offer received.

You will oblige me by removing these at the very earliest moment, our space being limited for their storage, and more lots being in preparation.

Please remit Full weight Double Eagles, or Gold notes if you can obtain them.

With thanks for bid

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock Supt

Messrs Howard & Hilchie
New York

May 7th

Sir

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, Certificate of Deposit of this date, No 0009, for $1956 W. Coin, on account of Parting, Refining and Bar charges

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Telegram

May 24 7

Howard & Höhle
1. John St. New York

Have twenty (20) barrels additional, eighty nine eighty five pounds, Gold, seventeen ounces, Silver, nine hundred twenty two Ounces. Will you take at same figures and terms, Answ.

Paid. Footnotes

Supt.

May 24th 1

L. M. Bond Esq.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

Your note of 23d inst. received. The silver piece described, is a half-dime of 1792. An experimental or pattern piece. The head, emblematic of Liberty, is popularly supposed to represent the features of Martha Washington, who is said to have sat to the artist while he designed it, and to have been struck from the private plate of Washington. Very rare.

Yours respectfully
J. R. Snowden Supt.

May 24

Howard & Köhler / John St. N.Y.

All the Swords offered us in Standard ounces, not fine. Do you still adhere to $1.00 and sixteen cts per pound? Otherwise make new bid for the whole.

Paid Govt. rate

Respt

May 24th 7

Gentlemen.

From your telegram of this date offering 10¢ per pound for the last 20 Bbls. Syrup, I take it that your bid for the first lot was made under the impression that the same were stated as Fine ounces, and for which you bid .1160 Cents per pound Permit me to confirm my reply by telegraph sent you at 1 PM. to day, and to say that all assays and bullion at this Mint are valued by Standard ounces, and our bidders so understand. As it is a Closeness between your and several other bids, based on the value of the assays in Standard ounces, you are at liberty to reconsider your

First offer of 11 60 Cents per pound
Keeping in mind the fact that
a bid of 10 ¢ per pound for Standard
bullion in sweeps would not
secure them.

Please make an early
bid, attorney for the entire lot, and find
enclosed a statement of the last
20 Barrels offered.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Leech
Supt

Messrs. Howard & Mohle
No. 1 John St.
N.Y.

Standard
Op. Bullion

201 to 210 Inclusive [illegible] 4450 8097 022.31

211 to 220 Do 4535 82705 021.95
8980 17.504 022.26

Value of Gold Oz. 17.504 332.16
D. of Silver .962.26 1.147.44
1.479.60

5/25 7

Howard & Möhle
, John St. New York

Cant accept bid for ~~twenty~~ Eighty Dollars yet
Eighty Dollars yours.

J. C. Powell
Supt.

May 25th 1

Gentlemen

I have 20 Bbls Sweeps for Sale, as follows viz

No.	Wt.	Gold Oz	Silver Oz
20 lb 210	4450	Oz. 5.099	122 31
21 lb 220	4535	12.755	49 8.95
	8.985	17.854	9 22.26

Value of Gold $ 332.26. Value of Silver $ 1047.26

Please favor me with your bid returnable on Monday, 28th inst. Sweeps deliverable at Mint, and Payment to be made in Double Eagles, Full weight, or Gold Notes.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Taylor

Supt

E. Baldwin & Co
Nevada

May 25th 7

Gentlemen.

I have 20 Bbls Sweeps
for Sale, as follows; viz.

Nos.	Wt.	Gold std	Silver Std
201 to 210	4450	oz. 5.099	# 23.31
211 to 220	4535	12.755	49 8.95
	8.985	17.854	2 2 2.26

Value of Gold $332.16 Value of Silver 1147.14

Please favor me with your bid, returnable on Monday, the 28th inst. Sweeps deliverable at Mint, and payment to be made in full weight Double Eagles, or Gold Notes.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ellis
Supt

C. S. Dennis & Son
Newark
N. J.

May 25th 7

Gentlemen

I have 20 Bbls Ores for Sale, as follows, viz:

Nos.	Wt.	Gold std.	Silver Std.
201 & 210.	4450.	oz 5.099	oz 423.31
211 to 220.	4535.	12.755	498.95
	8.985	17.854	922.26

Value of Gold $332.16 Value of Silver $1147.44

Please favor me with your bid, returnable on Monday the 28th in St. Ores deliverable at Mint, and Payment to be made in Double Eagles, full weight, or Gold Notes.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

R. Longman's Sons
New York

May 26 7

To the Philadelphia Fire Brick
and Clay Retort Works.
20 & 22 North 12th Sreet. Phila.

Enclosed herewith I
hand you a certified copy of
a requisition from the Superin-
tendent of the U. S. Mint at
Carson, Nevada, for 190 fire
tiles of assorted sizes as specified
in the letter and the two sheets
of drawings which accompany it.

You will please make the
tiles at your earliest conve-
nience, and forward them to
the Carson Mint, by freight
line, as directed, furnishing
me duplicate bills of lading.

You are also requested to
forward me, at the same time, Your

bill for the tiles, in duplicate, receipted, to be forwarded by me to the Supt of the Barton Bank for payment, as stated in his letter.

The drawings are to be returned to me when the tiles are finished. Supt Crawford wishes to get them again.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt

May 26th 1

Sir,

Your letter of the 24th inst. & enclosing Receipt for $22.00 on account of Mr. Lee has been detained to me before the close of the present month. - May.

We have no Texas Scrip now on hand; and can forward you $100.00 as soon as what is made of your Settlement -

Very Truly Yours &c

J. W. Cook
Supt.

Thos. C. Clarke Esq

Supt. U. S. Survey Office
New York

May 26 77

Sir.

Enclosed herewith
I forward Coiners Weekly
Report of Coinage executed
for week ending May 26. 1877.

Very Respectfully,

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 28th

Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst has been received.

I have no authority to redeem or exchange silver coins.

It would be proper for you to communicate with the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Lewis Warriner Esq. Cas.
Springfield
Mass

May 23 1857

Sir.

I herewith return the letter of Mr. Ramsay Paid to you, of the 24th inst, together with its enclosure, and in compliance with your request enclosed thereto, I herewith submit communications from our Melter & Refiner, Engraver, and Coiner giving very fully the information called for by Mr. Paul, as Agent of the Government of Venezuela, with regard to copper-nickel coinage.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Chief

Hon.
B. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

May 28 7

Sir

The nickel pieces are in rare cases made brittle by annealing. The piece you send is one of them. It is genuine. I send a sound piece for it, supposing you do not care to have it returned.

Respectfully yours

Lieut

T. Maren Jr. Esq.
Ass't Treasurer U. S.

May 28th 7

Sir

I report the following as the amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of Business on Saturday the 26th inst. viz.

Mints & Assays. Ozs. 1.146.682.—
Coiner's " 210.000.—

Total, 1.356.682.—

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

May 29th

Gentlemen

Your offer of ($1941.50) One Thousand & forty one 50/100 Dolls. Gold Coin for 2.0 Bbls Smyrna No 1. 201 & 220 is accepted. You will confer a favor by sinning them without delay.

Please accept my thanks for your bid.

Yours Resp.

Mess. C. S. Dennis & Co.

Newark N. J.

May 29th

Gentlemen

We are [illegible] my thanks for your offer of 10½ ₵ per pound for the 20 Bales Drugs, which I am compelled to respectfully decline.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Messrs. Howard & Mosle

New York

Supt.

Newark

N. J.

May 29th 1

Gentlemen

Please accept my thanks for your offer of £9.2.0 per 100 pounds for 20 Bbls Concentrated, which I am obliged to decline.

Yours Truly

Jas Wood & Sons

Longman's Sons
New York

May 29th 1857

Gentlemen

Please accept my thanks for your offer of $9.30 per 100 pounds for sweeps, which I am obliged to decline.

Yours Truly

Jas Wood & Sons

E. Wallace & Sons

Newark

N. J.

May 29 7

Sir

The ore sent by you is a galena, a sulphide of lead, with some sulphide of iron. It may contain a little silver but it is not likely. To ascertain that, you will have to send five dollars, to pay the expense.

Yours respy

J. D. Dana

Mr. Daniel Van Alstine
Sprakers Basin
Montgomery Co.
New York

May 29 1

Sir.

In reply to your inquiries of the 28th inst I have to state that the first issued of U. S. silver dollars and half dollars was in 1794. Quarter dollars, dimes and half dimes in 1796. Three cent pieces in 1851. Gold Dollars in 1849.

The first issue of U. S. gold eagles and half eagles was in 1795. Quarter eagles in 1796. Double eagles in 1850. Dollar in 1849, and three dollar piece in 1854.

Very Respectfully

J. Ferguson
Supt

S. B. Row Esq.
Clearfield
Pa

May 31st 1

Treasurer United States
Washington DC

Letter of advice dated May 28th, I.O.
No. 4557 (forty five hundred & fifty seven) for
for Twenty five thousand (25.000) dollars.
The Transfer Order reads Thirty Thousand
(30.000.) Dollars. Which is Correct. Answer quick.

Edward Powell
Cash'r

May 31 7

Sir

Your letter of the 29th inst is received.

Two and a half dollar gold pieces have been coined for the year 1877, but thus far only in small quantities. They are not much called for.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kimball
Supt

Mr. A. W. Hayes
Boston
Mass

May 21 1857

Sir.

I enclosed herewith & forward, an impression in copper, of a design for a half dollar, to be engraved, also with a letter from Mr. Barber in explanation.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Chas. Leach
Capt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 31 77

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed for May 1877.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Lloyd
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 31 7

Sir.

Referring to the enclosed letter of our Engraver, Mr Barber, and the accompanying bill of Mr. Schlemmer, for a case for some specimen coins forwarded to you in February last, I write to enquire if you have any fund out of which the $6 due Mr. Barber can be paid? If not will you please direct how he shall be re-imbursed, shall we pay it here?

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Dir

Dr.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 31. 7

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold.	$ 801.584.67
Silver.	780.291.05
Refining & Parting &c.	507.80
Ordinary & regular.	9.544.36
Manfr of Silver Coin.	7.559.49
Minor Coinage.	53.970.25
" Coins Exchanged.	4.667.54
" " Reissued.	38.445.00
" Coinage Redemption.	239.822.11
	$1.966.394.27

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
A. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Phila 1 7

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 30th of May, received this morning, it gives us pleasure to state, that the "Nickel" was assayed here in October last. It was intended that the alloy should be -

Nickel,	16	per cent
Copper,	65	"
Zinc,	19	"
	100	

Our assay made it, -

Nickel,	18	per cent
Copper,	66	"
Zinc,	16	"
	100	

This was close enough, considering that one ingredient (nickel)

has a very high melting
point, and another (fine) very
low, and therefore apt to burn
off somewhat. Another assay
made it somewhat closer to
the original purport, but not
materially.

The "Ten centers" enclosed
in your letter is herewith
returned.

Very Respectfully
Jos Ruef
Supt

Don Ramon Paez.
24 Broad Street
New York.

June 1st 7

Sir.

I Send you herewith my Ordinary Expenses &c. for May.

In making my requisition for funds for the Current month, I have drawn for the exact Sum necessary with the balance on hand to meet the Salary expenses, per your request dated May 10th ult. We are entirely out of funds for wages, will you please urge through our requisition as soon as possible

Very Respectfully

J. E. Ward
Supt

Hon. H.R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington

June 1 7

Sir:

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for Salaries $1,962.33

Wages 26,000.00

Contingencies 4.790.32

for the service of this Mint during the current month of June.

As requested in your letter of May 10th, I have drawn for the exact amount needed for salaries up to the close of the fiscal year. I have also drawn for the balance of our appropriation for Contingent Expenses, on account of the extensive repairs of machinery

that we have found to be necessary, and new machinery required to replace such as has been worn out.

I am now entirely out of money for the payment of wages.

Please urge prompt action on my requisition.

Very Respectfully

L. W. Tilton

Supt

Hon.

B. R. Leiderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 2 7

Sir

Your remittance of $10- currency, for a like amount in "new copper one cent pieces" has been received.

We have no new one cent pieces on hand, and can only send you such as have been redeemed and cleaned for reissue. Will these answer your purposes?

I retain your remittance until I hear from you.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Thos C. Acton Esq

Supt U. S. Assay Office

New York.

June 2 ;

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged during May 1877.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage operations during the same month.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman,

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 2 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst, I herewith transmit to your office for payment, Mr. Barbers receipted bill in duplicate, ($6.) for two specimen half dollars, and case, furnished per your directions. Mr. Schlegels bill in duplicate, for the case, is also enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ellory
Cash'r

Hon.
W. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 2 7

Sir.

Your application for a supply of copper tokens, described in your letter of May 28. 1877, cannot be granted.

Under the Act of Congress, it would be an indictable offence to either make or circulate them.

You can be supplied with U. S. minor coins on the terms of the enclosed circular.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. H. Creelman.
Selma
Ala

June 2 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending June 2. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 2d 7

Sir.

I report the following as the amount of Silver Bullion on hand this date viz-

Melter & Refiners O/C	Oz. 1.162.732.30
Coiners O/C	178.200.
	Oz. 1.340.932.30

Very Respectfully
Jas. A. Low
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 2 7

Sir

I herewith forward for your information a communication of this date from Geo. B. Thompson, Esq. Agent of the Adams Express Co. in charge of the shipment of subsidiary silver coin from the Mint, complaining of difficulty in some instances, in determining the locality to which some consignments of silver and intended to be sent, owing to the number of places of the same name.

Will you please advise Mr. Thompson's letter to the Treasurer U.S. and endeavor to have this cause of embarrassment removed in future transfer orders. Very Respectfully.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Lieut

Hon.

S. R. Lindeman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 4 7

Sir.

Since my last communication to you, the Secretary of the Treasury has suspended the purchase of Silver bullion at the Mint payable in gold coin, and the only returns I can now make for the small silver mentioned in your letter of the 1st inst, will be Trade Dollars or fine bars, whichever you may prefer. These you can sell in this market if you so instruct the Express Agent, who holds your coin for further instructions.

Very Respectfully

J. [illegible] Loyd
Supt

Jesse K. Cooper Esq
Louisville
Ky.

June 5th 77

Sir

I transmit herewith my Vo. of the Refinery and Subsidiary Silver Coinage Expenses for May 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

June 5 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 2d inst has been received.

The U. S. silver dollar issued prior to 1870, weighed 412½ grains, the half dollar of the present issue, weighs 192-9 grains. Two halves weigh 385.8 grains, and are intrinsically 93.527 cts. as compared with the dollar. The reduction is about 6½ per cent.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Tolles
Dep

M. H. Swift, Esq
Ottawa.
Ill.

June 5 /

Sir

Two of your minerals are iron ores, which we do not assay. You can have them done by Mr J. Blodget Britton, 339 Walnut St. I do not know his charges.

The other specimen is a common sandstone, speckled with mica.

Yours &c
Jas Booth
Supt.

Mr. A.K. Sloffe
Norristown Pa

June 6 /7

Sir.

Your letter of the 6th inst. has been received.

I cannot furnish new one cent and five cent minor coins, for we have none on hand, not having coined any since January. But I can send you some that have been redeemed and cleaned for reissue, if they will answer your purpose. They are nearly as bright as new coin.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Dir.

J. D. Shotwell. Esq
Bowery Savings Bank.
New York.

June 6 7

Sir

Your small vial of gold dust by registered mail, has been received, together with your letter of May 29th.

You will see by the enclosed circular that the Bank does not receive such small deposits, nor do we pay depositors by drafts on banks.

The agent of the Adams Express Co, who has charge of deposits from a distance, informs me, that as an accommodation to you, he will sell your gold for currency, and send the amount to you, by Express, in greenbacks, if you so direct. No other arrangement is practicable. You should state to what point you wish the greenbacks Expressed.

Very Respectfully

J. C. Ayer

Mr. M. H. Wright
Walhalla
S. C.

June 6 7

Sir

Your sight draft of the 4th inst, No. 6707 on the Metropolitan Nat. Bank of New-York, for $1,000. is herewith returned, it not being the kind of remittance required by the Treasury Department in exchange for subsidiary Silver coin.

The endorsed circular from Secretary Sherman will show you how to proceed.

Very Respectfully

J. C. Hallock
Chief

M. O. Copeland, Esq
(Cashier)
Middletown
Ct.

June 6 7

Sir

In compliance with your general directions, I duly submitted the question of a reduction of the operative force of this Mint to the respective Heads of departments, for examination and report.

Any reduction in the force employed in the Engraving and Assaying departments is not practicable.

From the Melting & Refining, and Coining, I procured reports in writing, under date of April 26. and April 30. ultimo, which

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I herewith submit for your information, in which, as you will see, they demonstrate their inability to get out the amount of coin then required, with any less force than now employed.

Understanding since, however, from you that the pressure upon this institution for coinage will be materially lessened in the early future, I have again had a consultation on the subject, and as a result of the prospective diminution of work, the bearer, in a communication of this date, herewith enclosed, informs me that he can get along with a less number of assistants, and if you so direct we will proceed to select ten of their number to be relieved from duty, and perhaps a larger number, if justice to the institution will permit.

If the expectation of less work should be realized, I may be able, after a little while, to dispense with some of the male workmen and laborers, although I greatly regret the necessity of discharges at this time.

The whole subject is a very painful one to me, in these distressingly hard times, but I of course, will endeavor to meet the wishes of the Department, and comply with your instructions in the direction of retrenchment and economy.

I delayed sending the enclosed letters and reports, expecting and this, to have had a personal interview with you on the subject either here or in Washington.

When I see you we will

more fully consider the
question of reduction.

We await your instructions.

Very Respectfully
J. H. Colvocoresses
Lieut

Hon.
D. P. Lindeman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 6 "

Sir

I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury a/c of this date, No 3267, for $121.77 coin, on account parting, refining and bar charges.

Your special directions of the 5th inst with regard to this class of earnings and deposits, during the remainder of this Month, and until after the 4th of July proxims, have been received, and will be carefully observed.

Very Respectfully

Jno L Taylor
Supt

Hon.
D. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

June 7. 7

Sir

I herewith forward the official bond of Mr. C. B. Jones, as paymaster clerk of this Mint, in lieu of the one returned from your office for informality, together with the affidavit of the sureties, and a new oath of office. I also in compliance with your request, endorse the oath of office which you returned with the rejected bond.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
R. R. Livingston
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 7 7

Sir

Your letter and samples of ore, of the 6th inst. were received.

Upon examination the ore proves to be only slate boulders, of no value.

Very Respectfully

Sam'l Reed

Agt

Mrs

G. F. Warder.

Prouty Town

West Va.

June 8th 7

Sir.

I transmit enclosed bill of Geo. Morgan with necessary receipt attached.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 8 . 7

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst with its inclosures, requesting an additional supply of Trade Dollars before the annual settlement, has been received

As you are aware it has been decided - and the arrangement received your approval - that we shall suspend operations on the afternoon of the 14th inst, and remain closed until the 5th of July. We shall barely be able to manufacture 150,000 Trade Dollars before closing. This with our stock on hand,

will give us 210,000 Grade Dollars to divide between the Messrs. Seligman and Parker Handy. This is the very best we can do, and in doing this, we shall protable lose our just proportion of small silver coin. In addition to the above we must coin for the N.Y. Assay Office, at least $1,000,000 in gold before closing.

I shall communicate with Supt Eaton by 15 days mail, as directed in your letter, and advise him of the number of Grade Dollars we can furnish.

The letters to you of the Messrs. Seligman and Parker Handy, are herewith returned, as requested.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

June 8 57

Sir

We shall close on the 14th inst for the annual settlement, which can furnish 200,000 Trade Dollars through your office, for Messrs Seligman & Co, and Parker & Sands, before we suspend operations. The Director requests that you notify them of this fact.

We shall remain closed until the 5th of July.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Thos. E. Eaton, Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 9 7

Sir.

I herewith return P. O. of the 8th inst, on the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, No. 7454 for $1,000. in subsidiary silver coin, which was mailed to this Mint by mistake.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

N. A. Wyman.

Treasurer U. S.

Washington

D.C.

June 9 77

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed, for week ending June 9. 1877.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

The following telegram is sent
in reply to the Executive telegram
of even date.

Copy per thw adt

Telegram June 9th 7

Joel H. Seligman & Co. New York

Cannot sell Coarse Silver
Bars. Must have Fine Silver

Supt

June 9th 7

Sir

Your telegram of this date in relation to receiving Seligman's Coarse Silver for Trade Dollars, is received, and I have just informed the above mentioned firm that the Mint & Refinery must positively declines to accept any but fine bullion at this time.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Tilton
Supt.

Hon. A. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 11 1857

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst. has been received.

The Mint furnishes proof coins of the current year. For those of former years your application should be made to coin dealers.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Dir.

W. D. Dillaye, Esq.
Syracuse
N. Y.

June 11 7

Sir

The coinage Statements for the month of June, and for the fiscal year, called for in your letter of the 9th inst. will be promptly furnished as requested.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 11 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 8th inst. has been received.

The only "history" of the Mint I know of, is a small descriptive pamphlet published by Messrs. S. J. Sonder & Bro. No. 721 Sansom St. Philadelphia, price 25 cents. If you send them the money they will forward a copy to you by mail.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr.
Francis Barnard.
Atlanta
Geo.

Note. Original signed by Supt.

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L.

Telegram June 11th 7

J & W. Seligman & Co. New York

Will buy and give you Drafts for fifty thousand (50,000) ounces fine Silver. None for coin de mital we resume

James Pollock
Supt. Mint & Co.

June 11th 1

Sir.

I report the following as the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand, on the 9th inst, at Melter & Refiner & Silver. Ozs. 1.056.304.—
Coins " 172.500.

Total Ozs. 1.228.804

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 12th 1

Gentlemen

Yours of yesterday received, contents noted.

We are now getting ready for the annual settlement, and are preparing for extensive repairs. Our Refinery and Furnaces are down, and with these facts in view I telegraphed you that we could not receive your Coarse Bibon. It is difficult to meet the requirements of this emergency, and I can only say that we shall do the best we can, but it is quite probable that a part of the work will have to be delayed until af

to we resume operations, on the
5th July next.

Very Respectfully
J. P. Elliott
Supt

Messrs. J & H. Seligman & Co
New York

June 12 7

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst. in regard to the Leligman Silver, had been received.

There was nothing summary or uncivil in my communication to Messrs. Leligman & Co. The statement of the Melters & Refiners to me, was communicated to you, because you are familiar with Mint operations, and would fully understand our situation on the end of the annual settlement. Prof Booth desires to add now that his refusal was of course based upon the impracticab

bility of receiving coarse silver at so late a day, and make returns before stopping for the annual settlement, and he supposed it would be so understood.

Messrs. Seligman & bro. notified me this morning, that their coarse silver will be shipped to the Mint to morrow, nevertheless, and I have replied that we will do the best we can for them, but that a portion will probably have to remain over until after the 5th of July, from the necessity of the case.

For their fine silver, when it comes, we will make full returns before closing. if possible. We will do the best we can.

Yours -

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
B. R. Londerman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 12 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing copy of a requisition from the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, for fine ores, has been received.

On submitting it to the Govr. he finds some explanation necessary, and under the authority granted in your letter, I have written to Superintendent Crawford on the subject, and upon receipt of his reply the order will be promptly filled.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Sherman

Secy

Wm. H. Lindeman.
Director of the Mint

June 12 7

Sir.

I have this morning received from the Director of the Mint a copy of your requisition of the 2d inst. for five discs, as specified.

Our Engraver is not quite certain as to the measurements given, as you will see from the enclosed copy of a communication from him on the subject. As soon as we hear from you in reply, we will proceed to make and forward the discs as requested.

Very Respectfully

James Crawford, Esq. Jas Pollock
Supt U. S. Mint Carson Supt

June 19. 7

Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York
Yes – we can.

Supt Mint

June 13 7

Sir.

Your requisition of the 12th inst. for two gold life saving medals of the first class, with inscriptions and cases, has been received.

The medals will be prepared and forwarded to you by Express, by Saturday or Monday next.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Lloyd
Supt

Hon.
S. R. Lindermon
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 18 77

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statements of the Melters & Refiners Bullion operations, and Gold and Silver meltings for the month of May, 1877.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Leech
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 14 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 9th inst, and the accompanying affidavit, reporting a deficiency of $31.25 in a shipment from the Mint to your Bank of $1,000 in subsidiary silver coin, was received to day.

In reply I enclose a statement from Geo B. Thompson, Esq, Mint Agent of the Adams Express Co, and have to add that the alleged deficiency is not chargeable to the Mint. The silver coins sent by Express are carefully counted and weighed by the Cashier of the Mint,

and his assistant (two of the most careful and reliable officers in this institution) acting in conjunction, and there is no possibility of any such error occurring here. As the box arrived at its destination with its seals broken, it is evident that a robbery occurred somewhere en route, and explains the deficiency.

The affidavit of your cashier is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Reed

Supt

H. G. Ferris. Esq. Treas.
Hancock Co. Sab Bank.
Sankhagen
Me.

June 14th 7

Sir

Referring to yours of yesterday asking for details statements of the additions of Gold Coin to the Bullion Fund from Jany 1st 1875 to the Close of the Fiscal year and also for the transfers of Subsidiary Silver Coin made to the Treasury of the United States, will you please inform me whether you wish simply the amounts drawn out for this specific use, or, the sums transferred to Asst Treasurers, Depositaries, and throughout the U.S. to Banks and business Houses on Transfer Orders and Transfer Letters? From the

wording of your letter, I am in some doubt, though I infer that you require the entire amount of Silver Coins withdrawn from the Bullion Fund

Very Respectfully
Jas Ellis
Supt

Hon H. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 15 7

Sir

The silver three cent pieces mentioned in your letter of the 14th inst. have been received by the Mail agent of the Adams Express Co. who holds them for further instructions.

There is no law authorizing the redemption or exchange of silver coins, and I cannot receive them for that purpose.

We could melt them down for you however, as bullion, and convert them into Trade Dollars, or commercial bars, as you may prefer, but this would subject you to a loss

of perhaps ten per cent.

If this should not be satisfactory, the Express Co will return them to you at your expense.

Very Respectfully

Jno Pettit

Supt

J. B. Wilson, Esq. Cas.

Martinsburg

W. Va

June 15 7

Sir.

Under date of the 11th inst. Asst Secretary McCormick requested me to furnish laborers from the Mint, to transfer redeemed minor coins from the wagons of the Adams Express Company, to the vaults of the Mint Treasurer in this City. I enclose a copy of his letter.

The men will be required at the Custom House building during the very hours that their services and much needed here, and there is nothing whatever in the service to be

rendered this requires Milk laborers, more than custom heard, or common, laborers.

Mr Neal Townsend notifies me this morning that he has requested Mr. Geo. B. Thompson, Agent of the Adams Express Company, to make requisition upon me from time to time for the desired laborers. Mr. Thompson thinks the arrangement will be inconvenient, and greatly interfere in the transaction of Milk business.

I wish to comply as far as possible with this demand upon me, but would be glad to know from the Secretary, through you, to which service

I

I must give precedence, when the two come in conflict, as will doubtless be the case frequently. Part of our laborers are now taking their vacation. I have retained them on duty who are indispensable in making repairs, and handling deposits of bullion and coin.

Whenever, and so far as we can, I will cheerfully endeavor to furnish the required assistance, but suppose I will be at liberty to use some discretion when necessary, in the premises. Please favor me with an early reply.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Asst.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

June 16. 77

Sir,

I herewith forward statements of the Melting and Refining Bullion Operations, and Gold and Silver meltings for the months of June, 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D. C.

June 16 1877

Sir,

I herewith forward Coinage Statements for

1. The current month.
2. The month of June, 1876.
3. The fiscal year ending June 30. 1877.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon. W. A. Richardson

Dirct of the Mint

Washington D.C.

June 18 7

Sir

The 23.92 ozs gold bullion for Y/c John D. Defrees public printer, specified in your letter of the 14th inst. produced $87.47 in gold coin, as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum No. 808.

I sold the coin at 57/8 premium, netting $ 396.57 currency. Out of this I paid Adams Express Co. $1.75 C. for charges on the bullion from Washington, and for the balance $395.82 I herewith send you Drexel Bros check, to the order of John D. Defrees; the receipt

of which I will thank you
to acknowledge.

Very Respectfully

Lieut

Hon.

G. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

June 18 7

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst was received to day.

U. S. gold and silver coins are nine tenths fine, and Mexican silver coins are about the same. The U. S. trade Dollar is intrinsically worth about one cent more than the Mexican silver dollar and is used chiefly in the China and East India trade. I do not know at what rate they are taken in business transactions in different parts of the United States, but they command in currency to day in Philadelphia

one eighth of one per cent premium.

In converting your Mexican dollars into Trade Dollars at the Mint, you will lose the freight, and the coinage charge of $1.20 per 100 pieces.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Ellwood

Supt.

John L. Rose, Esq
Columbus
Texas.

June 19 7

Sir

In compliance with your directions of the 16th inst. I have to say forwarded to your office, by the Adams Express Company, one of our best adjusting balances, together with the Standard weights for the gold coins, all in complete order and adjustment. The 1/4 and 1/2 grain weights you will find wrapped in paper, in the box with the other weights.

Very Respectfully

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Supt

June 17 /

Sir

The two minerals sent by you contain only a little sulphide of iron, and are of no value.

Yours resp.ly

Sec'd.y

Mr James P. Fitzwater
Texas, Tucker Co.
W. Va.

June 19 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 78th inst. has been received.

The Mint closed on the 14th inst for the annual settlement and repairs, and will not resume operations until the 5th of July, and we, of course, cannot convert bullion into Trade Dollars until after the latter date.

Very Respectfully

R. E. Preston

Supt

Messrs.
Jas. B. Colgate & Co.
New York.

June 19 7

Sir

Your requisition of the 16th inst. for

24 pairs trade dollar dies
12 " Halfs as "

for the Mint at San Francisco, was duly received.

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of that Mint, by the Adams Express Co. the following dies, in part of the above order,

Trade Dollar 8 obverse, 8 reverse.
Halfs do 12 " 12 ",

and will forward the balance at an early day.

Express receipt herewith
enclosed.

The steel of which these
dies are made is the same
that is used for our round
dies, and which gives no
cause of complaint.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

June 20th 7

Sir,

Your draft of the 18th inst. No. 40024 on the Philada. Nat. Bank for $4,000, for a like amount of subsidiary Silver Coin, is herewith returned, it not being the kind of remittance required by the Treasury Department for this purpose.

The enclosed circular from Secretary Sherman, will show you how to proceed

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

E. J. Shriver Esq. Cas.
Cumberland
Md.

June 20th 7

Sir,

Your draft of the 18th inst. No. 1718 on the Third Nat. Bank Philada. for $ 50a is herewith returned, as your order for subsidiary and minor coin cannot be filled in its present shape.

The two enclosed circulars will show you how to proceed in each case.

Five cent silver pieces are no longer coined, nothing less than a dime.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt.

John T. Merrill Cy. Cas.
Foxburg Pa.

June 20 7

Sir.

The inclosed correspondence and bill and referred to the Director for action, as I have no knowledge of the transaction, nor am I advised out of what appropriation the cost of these two adjusting machines and freight and to be paid. I believe there was a special appropriation made for this purpose.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Brock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 21st 7

Sir,

Your remittance of the 19th inst. of $15. currency, per registered letter, for a like amount in new 1 & pieces, has been received.

We have no new one cent coins on hand, only those that have been redeemed and cleaned for re-issue, and are nearly as bright as new.

We do not fill orders by Express for a less amount than $20.

I await further instructions.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Geo. S. McCarter Esq.
Paterson
N. J.

June 22 7

Sir.

The half eagle of 1800 referred to in your postal card of the 19th inst. is worth $5.30 gold, and we have no use for it.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.

G. L. Marchand.

Louisville

Ky.

June 22 /

Sir.

In reply to your note of the 19th inst, I have to inform you that there is no gold in the cents of 1857 & 1858 or of any other year.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Asst

Wm. W. B. Smith
Ch Attorney
Phila

June 22 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 21st inst. is at hand.

I have to day delivered to the Adams Express Co, for your account 18,619 Trade Dollars and $1.01 in subsidiary coin. This closes our returns to you in trade dollars until after we resume coinage operations on the 5th of July. My previous communications to you on this subject cannot have left you in any doubt or uncertainty with regard to it.

Mr. suggestions from
Dr. Lindeman to your Mr
J. Seligman & Co. must, if assured,
have been conditional, and
dependent entirely upon the
operations of the Mint & con-
trolled by the annual settlement.

In reply to your request
to make an exception in your
case, I can only say, that this
is a public institution governed
by law and regulations, upon
the basis of impartial justice
and it is not in my power to
make exceptions in favor of
one private citizen over
another.

We do not receive deposits
of bullion while the annual
settlement is in progress, and
your last two invoices of pure
silver, and half of the last

lot of coarse silver, and still in the custody of the Express Co, subject to your order.

The additional fine silver you speak of sending we could not receive before the 1st of July. We would make returns as soon as practicable after the 1st of July, but I cannot now fix any precise date, for I do not know what the Government demand will then be for subsidiary silver coinage, which will take precedence of other coinage, but presume it will not seriously interfere with the manufacture of trade dollars.

I must add here that your coarse silver is the dirtiest and trashiest that we have had for many years. If I had

known its quality before it left your hands & should have felt it to be my duty to advise the Director to refuse to receive it.

Very Respectfully

Jas Powell
Supt

Messrs.
J & W. Seligman. & Co.
New York.

June 22 /

Sir, Yours of the 18th received.

The term "virgin gold", is not used here, and not well understood. If it means native gold, purified from earthy matter, it has a large range of values; if it means refined gold, free from all other metals, it is worth $ ct. 20 3. 36/100 cents per dwt., in gold coin, as it has been for many years.

Respy yours

Mr. J. M. Moore
Bellefonte
Pa

Supt

June 22 7

Sir

The complaint to you under date of the 15th of June inst, of the First National Bank, Saint Peter, Minn. of a shortage of $81.80 in a shipment from the Mint, on transfer letter, of $5000 in subsidiary silver coin, and referred by you to me, was duly received.

The matter has been fully investigated here, and I return the complaint to you, with the answer of our Cashier endorsed thereon. I also enclose a letter from Mr. George E. Thompson, Supt of the Mint department

of the Adams Express Company, who personally attends to all the shipments of subsidiary coin, showing no delinquency at this end of the line.

It is impossible that there can be any mistake or deficiency on the part of the Mint for the coin is both weighed and counted, and the vault proved by my Cashier and his assistant, before being delivered to the Express Co. and these two gentlemen are officers of unimpeachable accuracy and integrity in the performance of their duties.

The Express Agent, Mr. Thompson, is also a gentleman of

of character, and it is evident that a robbery occurred after the crim left Philadelphia. The Express Companies are, of course, responsible for the loss.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

S. C. Wynkoop.

Treasurer U. S.

Washington

D. C.

June 23d 1857

Gentlemen

I hand you below statement of 38 Bills Overpings, for which your bid is requested prior to the 26th inst. payment to be made in Gold Notes or Double Eagles of full weight, and Overpings deliverable at Mint

No. 221 to 230	1000	Std Oz. Gold	20.516	Std Oz. Silver 1070.32
231 to 240	1000	"	9.747	" 489.49
241 to 250	1000	"	18.846	" 709.22
251 to 257	3023	"	227.089	" 261.92
1	878	"	12.849	" 274.21
	17.060		279.245	2202.66

A portion of these are very nice. Please bid accordingly

Very Respectfully

J. L. Gear Supt

E. Balbach & Sons

Newark

N.J.

June 22nd 67

Gentlemen

Please forward your offer for the following 38 Bbls Sheepings viz:

No. 221 to 230	4588 lbs	Coal @ 5¢	Silver 479.32
231 to 240	4548	9.947	489.49
241 to 250	4523	18.846	709.22
251 to 257	3023	227.089	27.72
	1.478	12.842	274.91
	17.160	269.225	2201.66

Payment to be made in Gold Notes or Double Eagles of full weight, and Sheepings to be delivered at the Mint. Please notice the weights of a portion of these Sheepings and bid accordingly. Also send in your bid prior to the 26th inst.

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

Chas. Dimon & Son

Brooklyn NY

Supt

Coin

June 22d 1857

Gentlemen

I send you herewith statement of 381 Dbls Ingots, for which please bid prior to the 26th inst. Payment to be made in Gold Notes or Double Eagles of full weight and Ingots deliverable at the Mint.

No. 221 to 230.	1588 lbs.	Std Oz. Gold	10.504	Std Oz. Silver	471.32
231 to 240.	1548.	"	2.747	"	489.47
241 to 250.	1523.	"	12.246	"	709.22
251 to 257.	3023.	"	227.089	"	267.72
	~~1175~~	"	~~12.849~~	"	~~274.71~~
	~~17160~~		~~272.345~~		~~2242.66~~

A portion of these are very rich; please bid accordingly.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Johnson

Supt

Howard & Morse
1 John St.
New York

June 22 1

Sir

I hand you herewith statement of 38 Bills Drafts, for which your bid is requested; Payment to be made in Gold Notes or Double Eagles of full weight, and Drafts to be taken at the Mint Price for which you bid Par & the 26th inst.

No. 220 to 230.	4568 lbs.	Std Oz.	Gold	10.5/1	Std Oz Silver	47.32
230 to 240	4548	"	"	9.747	"	189.49
241 to 250	4523	"	"	18.846	"	709.22
251 to 257	3023	"	"	227.089	"	267.72
	178	"		12.849	"	274.91
	17.160			272.245		2212.66

A portion of these are very rich; please bid accordingly.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Ross Snowden Supt

Alfred N. Shear Esq
149 Pearl St
New York

June 22nd 7

Gentlemen

I have you below statement of 38 Bars Ams. Coin for which Please bid prior to the 26th inst. Payment to be made in Gold Notes or Double Eagles of fine weight, and Ams. Coin deliverable at the Mint.

No. 221 to 230.	4588	Std Oz.	10.514	Gold.	Std Oz.	471.32	Silver
231 to 240.	4548	"	9.947	"	"	489.49	"
241 to 250.	4523	"	18.846	"	"	709.22	"
251 to 257.	3023	"	227.089	"	"	267.72	"
	1.478	"	12.809	"	"	274.91	"
	17.160	"	277.245	"		2,212.66	

A portion of these are very rich; Please consider the same in bidding.

Very Respectfully

J. C. Dyer
Supt

Longman & Son's
New York

June 25 7

The following report of the Assayer of the N. Y. Assay Office, of the assay of each ingot received at this Mint in June 1877 has been tested & the Coined, Assayed and Melted & Refined.

Denomination.	Weight.		Fineness.	
	Grs.	Dec.	Parts.	Dec.
Double Eagle	516.	20	900.	4
Trade Dollar	420.	60	Trade	900.
Half "	192.	80	"	900. 7
Quarter "	90.	10	"	899.5.

James Pollock
Supt
per W. B. S.

June 25th 1

Sir

I report the following as the
Approximate Amount of Silver
Bullion on hand this day
Mint & Assay Office $ 1.072.478.00
Coins 20.634.55
Total $ 1.113.120.01

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Acting Supt

A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 25th 7

Sir,

I have today, forwarded to the Supt. of the Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express Co, Six (6) obverse and Six (6) reverse Trade Dollar dies, in part of your requisition of the 21st inst. for Forty (40) pair of these dies. Express receipt herewith enclosed.

The balance of the order will be filled as soon as practicable.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ellard

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Actg. Director Mint
Washington D.C.

June 25th 7

Sir,

The Coiner Mr. O. C. Boobyshell having left town today, expecting to be absent four days, I have, with the consent of the Coiner, appointed Mr. Wm. S. Steel, Assistant to the Coiner, to act as Coiner until the Coiners return, and I report the same for approval, under the 9th Section of the Coinage Act of [illegible] 1873.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Actg. Director Mint
Washington D.C.

26 June

Gentlemen

The weights on the fine scale sent
of your invoice of the 21st instant are
incorrect the brass ones being in the wrong
I below give a correction of the weights.

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
50 ounces	1050.00	1060.60	10.60
1 1035	1047.60	1037.50	1047.80
2 1050	1035.00	Difference	12.70

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Messrs J. H. Schermerhorn & Co
New York

Depositary

June 26 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Gold Workings in the Miners Department for April, May and June 1877. Also Silver Workings Miners Department for May and June 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 26 7

Sir,

Inclosed I send you two communications - one from the Engraver, and from the Foreman of the Coining room with regard to the quality of the steel used at this Mint in the manufacture of dies, in reply to complaints from the Mint at San Francisco, and also the Mint at Carson.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]

Hon.
B. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Telegram June 27th 7

C. S. Dennis & Son
38 & 40 Walnut St. Newark N.J.

Bid accepted. Please remit so that we may have returns on Friday or sooner if possible

H. C. Pollock
Supt

June 27th 7

Gentlemen.

I telegraphed you this am. as follows, viz: "Bid accepted. Please remit so that we may have returns on Friday, or sooner if possible". The request is urgent, as we desire to close the sale of the Pumps with our accounts for year ending June 30th. With thanks for your offer,

Very Respectfully

Jos. Poole Supt.

C. S. Dennis & Son
Newark
N.J.

June 27th 1

Sir

Enclosed I have
C.O. No. For $1195 88
Refining Charges for June
20th (at) as per in Stock
from you under date 5th June
(or so intended.)

Very Resp

Hon. H. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 27th 7

Sir

In an Inst to yours of yesterday inquiring the earliest time at which we can receive deposits for Trade Dollars in July next, I can only say that unless the Director modifies his orders for Subsidiary Coin, there is little prospect for the Coinage of Trade Dollars before August. We might receive your Silver during the last week of next month, and there do the best we can in returning the Coin.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Thos L Acton Esq
Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York

June 28 7

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst. enclosing copy of one from the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, with regard to the probable supply of Trade Dollars in July, is received.

If the average daily demand for subsidiary silver coins during the present month, June, should not be exceeded in July, and the Treasurer U. S. should not order us to transfer subsidiary coin in large quantities to the Sub Treasurers at New York, Philadelphia and Washington, during the next two

weeks, we can probably be
ready to deliver, say 150,000
Gold Dollars by the 15th of July.
But it depends entirely upon
what the demand upon us by
the Treasury Department may
be, and also upon the time we
may be able to resume operations.
As you are aware we have taken
advantage of the suspension for
the annual settlement to make
very extensive repairs in the
operating departments of the
Mint, rendered necessary by
the heavy and continuous op-
erations of the past year.
We are hard at work and ex-
pect to get through by the 5th
of July, but if we should be
delayed a few days, there would

of course, be a corresponding
delay in the coinage of Grad
Dollars. In any event, I will
do the best I can.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Gillespie
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

June 28 7

Sir.

In further reply to your letter of the 26th inst, I have to state that if the Government demand for subsidiary silver coinage in July should not exceed the average daily demand in June, I will be able to furnish you, say, 150,000 Trade Dollars by July 15th. What the Government demand will be in July, I do not now know, but suppose it will not be greatly in excess of that in June.

We are making extensive repairs in the operative depart-

ments of the Mint, rendered
necessary by the heavy and
continuous operations of the
past year. We expect to have
them all completed by the 5th
of July, the time fixed for re-
suming operations, but if
there should be a few days delay,
which I do not now anticipate,
there will of course be a corres-
ponding delay in the delivery
of Gold Dollars.

I will notify you when we
are ready to receive your bullion,
and will endeavor to do the best
I can for your depositors.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Thos. L. Yeaton. Esq.
Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

June 28th 1

Gentlemen.

Your offer for the 38 bbls
Ams pr S is declined with thanks

Very Respectfully

Supt

R. Longman & Sons
New York

June 28th 7

Gentlemen

Your offer for the 38 Blks. Omnibus is declined with thanks. The lot brought $6500. Gold.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs Howard & Möhle
1 John St.
New York

June 28th 71

Sents /

Your offer for the maps stated in mine of the 22d inst. is respectfully declined, with thanks.

Yours truly

Jas Lloyd

Supt

Alf. Spear Esq.
119 Prince St
New York

June 28th 7

Gentlemen

Your offer for the 38 Bbls.
Snaps is declined with thanks.

Very Respectfully
[illegible] Supt

Messrs. E. Balbach & Son
Newark
N. J

June 28 '7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 27th inst has been received.

Our ability to return Trade Dollars in July, will depend upon the Government demand for subsidiary coinage, the probable amount of which I do not yet know, but suppose it will not greatly exceed the amount in June. If so, returns in Trade Dollars could probably be made by the 15th of July to the total amount of say, 150,000 for all depositors, and we shall do the best we can, during the remainder of the month.

The fine silver you mention you can forward to the Mint at any time. I have made arrangements to receive it, and will make returns in Trade Dollars in the order of your deposit at the earliest practicable moment, as already stated.

We are making extensive repairs in the operating departments of the Mint, rendered necessary by the heavy and continuous operations of the past year, but expect to have them completed by July 5th, the day fixed for resuming work. I do not anticipate any delay on that account, and in any event, will do the best we can to make early returns.

Very Respectfully,

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. Bankers

June 28 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 27th inst. has been received.

My ability to deliver Trade Dollars in July, will depend upon the Government demand for subsidiary silver coinage. I presume this will not exceed the daily average in June, in which case, I could turn out a total of, say, 150,000 Trade dollars, for all deposits by the 15th of July, and as many more as possible during the remainder of the month. I will do the very best I can for you.

We cannot resume coinage operations until the 5th of July,

by which time the extensive repairs now being made in the operative departments of the Mint, will be completed.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Dahlgren

Lieut

Parker Handy, Esq
New York.

Telegram. June 28th 7

R. E. Preston, Acting Director of the Mint.

Melter's Wastage, One hundred twenty eight ounces, Coiner's Wastage, Two and one half ounces — approximate. Will send letter to day with book on sweeps

Supt

June 20 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 20th inst was duly received.

Enclosed I send you a duplicate report of the count of your minor coins sent in for redemption, amounting to $66.09.

The silver coins amounting to $52.71 are not redeemable. If we convert them into Trade Dollars the loss to you will be about 20 per cent, not less.

What shall we do with them?

Very Respectfully

Geo. Boyd
Supt

J. B. Wilson, Esq. Cas.
Martinsburg
Va.

June 28th 7

Sir

I herewith forward b/s. of June 27th date No. 180, in duplicate, in your name, from the Asst Treasurer. U. S. at Philadelphia for $1772 gold coin, net. the proceeds of $8.50 light coins deposited by you, June 20th for recoinage. Please acknowledge its receipt.

I also endorse Mint memorandum No. 852.

Very Respectfully

Jno Pollock

Supt

Jos. B. Abbott. Esq

Coll of Customs.

Wilmington. N. C.

June 28th

Sir.

The following is a statement of the condition of our Profit & Loss &c. as it encroached upon the Building Fund, and which is, as I understand, to be made good from the balance of funds unexpended in the Ordinary &c. Of course this is not offered as a statement for final settlement, but I met with this a few days after the closing of the Y.S. Forward a detailed account prior by the general settlement and will await your instructions as to the mode in which I am to adjust the difference, which a

June 9th

you know is the result of my having to deposit in the U.S. my the Refinery Charges for Current year, which hitherto was retained to cover postage &c.

Dr. Balance, Profit & Loss A/c 1st qr.		2,519.14
Melted Postage		2382.32
Coinage Do.		16.27
Loss on Assays		1869.15
		6816.88
Cr. By Supts Assays	625.67	
" Balance, (approximate)	6191.21	
	6816.88	

There may also be some grains &c. from the Deposit Melting Room to be placed to the credit of this

ope, and I will ask you to withhold any definite action in adjusting it until I can get dee the items into it.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 28 7

Sir

I herewith forward B/E in duplicate, June 27 68, No. 189. in your name, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $1,97,58 coin, the nett proceeds of $200. light gold coin deposited June 26; for remittance. Please acknowledge its receipt.

I also enclose Mint memorandum No. 8057.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Jno Hayes, Esq
Coll of Customs
Milwaukee
Wis

June 28 77

Sir.

I herewith forward Statement in settlement of the Coiners Accounts for the last six months, made with the Superintendent, June 30th 1877.

You will find it to be in the highest degree creditable to the Coiner and his subordinates. I invite your attention to the letter from the Coiner which accompanies the Statement.

I will forward the Melter & Refiners Statement in a few days. It will also be very satisfactory.

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Very Respectfully
Director of the Mint. J. W. Ellsworth Supt

June 29th 7

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 27th inst' inclosing Certificate of Deposit of June 25th No 2968, from the Asst' Treasurer U. S. at Chicago, in favor of the Treasurer U. S. for $1000.= for returns in Silver Coin has been received.

The Certificate is herewith returned to you that you may forward it to its proper destination, the Treasurer of the U. S at Washington D. C. as required by the inclosed circular from Secretary Sherman which will show you how to proceed

Yours respectfully

Superintendent

Messrs Jno Andrews
North Manchester
Ind

June 29th 7

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the Sum of $34.500. for the Service of this Mint during the Month of July proximo, out of the following appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1878.

Salaries	$ 3.500.
Wages	25.000.
Incidentals	6.000.

This is about the one twelfth of the Annual appropriation, slightly more, to give us a comfortable start on the New Year, and enable us to go to work with vigorous and sustained effort, and turn out a larger amount of coinage in a given time than

ever. At the close of the fiscal
year, we shall of course be entirely bare
of funds for current expenses.

We cannot close our disbursing account
on the last day of the year, for outstanding
bills are still coming in, and I wish to have
them all paid off before the account is
closed and avoid extra trouble and
annoyance. But as there can be no doubt
that our accounts will be prompt and correct,
I hope my requisition will not be held over
until they actually reach the Department.

I earnestly request that you will endeavor to
have our draft for July forwarded with the
least possible delay. It will be a special
accommodation that I shall appreciate

(over)

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C

June 29: 1

Sir

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the Sum of Five hundred ($500.) Dollars, in gold coin, to be applied to the payment of the expenses of the Refinery in the month of July proximo.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

June 29th 7

Sir

Enclosed I hand you C.D. No. 3280 for $2,158.92 Currency being the unexpended balance of the wages appropriation for the year ending the 30th inst.

Very Respectfully
L. Howpurthwaite
for Supt

Hon. N.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Treasury Dept.
Washington
D.C.

June 30th 1877.

(Telegram)

Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Total approximate amount silver profits and United States, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, of which three hundred and sixty thousand dollars is in subsidiary coin and can be covered into the treasury. The balance is all in bullion.

J. A. Powell
Supt

June 30 7

Sir.

I enclose copy of a letter from Geo B. Thompson Esq. Supt Mint Department, Adams Express Company, on the subject of coin boxes delivered to the Asst Treasurer, U. S. in this city.

Please request the Secretary to issue the proper order for their delivery to the Mint, and we will provide means for their removal.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq.
Acting Director Mint.
Washington.

June 30 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 28th inst. enquiring about an "Ultimate Reduction Metallurgical Process" supposed to be in operation in Old Mink, was duly received.

We do not now use, never had used, nor ever before heard of, such a process as the one named. And processes and those that had been in use for half a century or more.

Very Respectfully

Messrs.
Munn & Co
New-York.

June 80 7

Sir

Your requisition of the 18th of May last for 190 fire tiles, as specified in your letter and the accompanying drawings, has been filled by Wm J. O'Brien, of this city, and the tiles forwarded to your Mint on the 28th inst, by the Pennsylvania Rail Road, as freight, as per duplicate bill of lading herein with enclosed.

In compliance with your directions, I herewith forward to you for payment, Mr O'Brien receipted bill, in duplicate, amounting to $190.84. He will

be obliged to you for an early remittance

The Lines drawings and Sheerwith returned as requested.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Forsyth

Supt

James Crawford Esq

Supt U. S. Mint

Charleston

S.C.

June 30 77

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward.

1. Report of Minor coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged for fiscal year ending June 30. 1877.

2. Report of Minor coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged for month of June 1877.

3. For the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Mint Coinage operations for month ending June 30. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Jno. Torrey Supt

Director of the Mint

July 2 7

Sir.

Upon the Coiners nomination hereunto endorsed, I have appointed Mrs. Blanche Z. Mathews, and Mrs Mary Jane Reed, as Adjusters in the Coiners department, at $1.75 per diem, each, to take effect July 9. 1877; and submit the same for approval under the 4th section of the Coinage Act of 1870

I also endorse a separate communication from the Coiner, designating the gentlemen upon whose recommendation these appointments are made.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
A. M. Pollock
Supt

July 2 [illegible]

Sir.

I herewith enclose for endorsement and return, draft No. 7005, June 26; on Donnelly Lawson & Co. 72 Broadway, New York, for $1.00. from Jno E. Gilbert, a cashier, State Central Bank, Waco, Texas, to the order of the Director of the Mint, for mint coins. I will also thank you to return the accompanying letter from the cashier, inclosing the draft.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

July 2 77

Sir.

I herewith forward my requisition for stationery and other articles for the use of this Mint for the six months ending December 31. 1877; together with a package of samples.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

July 2d 1861

Sir

I hand you herewith Treasury Order No. 4633 on yourself for $300000. in Trade Dollars, which please Credit to the credit of your Auction Fund this day from the Silver Profit & Loss A/c, as per C.O. No. 16.469.

Very Respectfully
H.C. Hancock
Acting Supt

Hon. A.U. Wyman
Treas. Dept U.S.
Washington
D.C.

July 2 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of June 27th
-pack marked 29th has been
received.

Silver coins of a less de-
nomination than the Trade Dol-
lar, are made for the U.S. Gov-
ernment only, and not for
private visitors.

If you deposit silver bul-
lion, I can & will make returns
in trade dollars or fine bars,
as may be preferred.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
L. H. Pardee & Co.
Oswego. N.Y.

June 2 /

Sir

Your letter of June 30th in relation to the use of silver dies now on hand in your Bureau, in the manufacture of new dies of a different size, has been received.

We will take the old dies and make new ones for you, if you will send me the exact dimensions of the proposed new dies, so that there shall be no mistakes in the required size.

Very Respectfully

H E Rockwell

Asst Supt

Wm. T. Dickens.
Chief Clk Treasurer of the Mint.
Navy Department
Washington D.C.

July 2 7

Sir

I herewith forward the official Bond of O. C. Bracketshell, Esq. Comm of this Mint, with the oath of office, Oath of allegiance, and the affidavits of both sureties. The sureties are ample.

Very Respectfully
H C Kinkead
Acting Supt

Hon.
J. P. Leiderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

July 7

Sir

The undersigned in accordance with section 3 of the Coinage Act of 1873, and the Directors [illegible] February 7, 1874, do hereby certify that the [illegible] and ordered to be negotiated all the Troy weights ordinarily employed in the [illegible] Mint, according to the legal standard [illegible] corresponding to the standard [illegible] of the Mint of the United States, and that the said Troy weights in ordinary use correspond to the said legal standard weight, and the requisite subdivisions and multiples thereof.

Wm. E. Dickinson
Director of the Mint.

Attest: [illegible] Asst.
Wm E Dickinson Assayer

July 23 7

Sir.

I herewith forward annual reports of myself and assayer, of the inspection and regulation of the troy weights, ordinarily used in this Mint, in accordance with the 60th Section of the Coinage Act of 1870.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.

S. K. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

July 3 77

Sir.

Referring to your letter of June 30th ultimo, I herewith forward my warrants on the Cashier for the respective amounts of Mr. E. B. Elliott's bill for expenses as Assay Commissioner in 1876 and 1877, that he may sign the receipt at the foot, the date to be filled up after the warrants are returned to me.

I also return Mr. Elliott's bills for amendment, the national seal and signatures being wanting in both duplicates, and the Director's approval not indorsed thereon.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Ketcham

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director Mint.

July 3 7

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst. enclosing for payment Mr. Fred R. Eckfeldt's approved bill, in duplicate, for $20.02. for expenses in visiting this Mint at the recent annual settlement, has been received.

I herewith forward my warrant on the Cashier for the amount, that Mr. Eckfeldt may sign the receipt at the bottom, the date to be inserted after the warrant is returned to me. I will then remit the amount to you

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint

Very Respectfully
J. [illegible] Esq.

July 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 2d inst has been received,

I shall make every effort to meet the increasing demand for Trade Dollars, and with our extensive repairs and increased facilities, believe I shall be successful. My instructions from the Department are to turn out Trade Dollars as largely as possible without interfering with the Government demand for subsidiary silver coinage, such as I am advised that this demand is not likely to exceed the average demand in fund. I think I shall

be able to accomplish both objects.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pillow
Supt

Parker Handy Esq
New York.

July 3 7

Sir

Yours of the 27th of June has been received.

The Supt of the Mint department of the Adams Express Company informs me that he can make an even exchange of your greenbacks, or two silver half dollars for each Trade Dollar, or sell for gold at a discount of 5 per cent.

What shall he do, if either. These are the best terms he can get.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Preston

Supt

Mr. John H. Smith

Baltimore Md.

July 3d

Sir

I hand you herewith my balance sheets for the quarter and the fiscal year ended June 30th 18[illegible].

I also inclose a statement of the Profit & Loss A/c. for the last fiscal year, showing debit balance of $ 61052.07. We have a balance of $101.839.38 in the Ordinary Fund Contingent A/c, from which I presume you will arrange to pay the above mentioned sum. There are some bills which we shall have to settle from the remainder of funds, and I have to request that you will adjust these two account as early as

is practicable, in order for a
final settlement and endorsing
of the Ordinary &c.
Such other &c &c. and
Statements as are required will
be forwarded with all possible
despatch.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Hollock
Supt.

Hon. H. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 5th 7

Sir.

Referring to the closing paragraph of your letter of June 5th ult. directing me to report to you the Refining Charges from the 20th to the 30th inst. inc. I desire to make the following statement.

The balance of the Refining Charges between the aforesaid dates amounts to $176.42. But the calculator, in making his report to the Cashier of the Charges to the 20th June, inadvertently duplicated the figures while transferring them from his a/c. thus causing an excessive deposit on a/c of Refining Charges

to the 20th inst of $218.46. This
of course swallows up the $176.41
due from the 20th to the 30th June,
and will require $142.05 of the
July Coinage to straighten the
a/c. The occurrence of this error is
disagreeable in the extreme both
to me and to the Calculator, but
I am satisfied that such a
trouble will be a rare one in the
future as it has been in the
past.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. A.R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint

July 5 7

Mrs. Mary J. Reese.

You have been appointed an Adjuster in the Loaning Department of this Mint, at $1,500 per Annum, to take effect on the 9th inst. on which day you will please report to the Loaner for duty.

Please take the enclosed oath of office before an Alderman, or Notary, or Judge, and bring it with you.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

July 5 7

Mrs. Blanche F. Mathews.

You have been appointed an Adjuster in the Loaning Department of this Mint, at $1.75 per diem, & take effect Monday the 9th inst, on which day you will please report to the Coiner for duty.

Please take the enclosed oath of office before a Judge, Notary, or Alderman, and bring it with you.

Very Respectfully,

Lorenzo Crowell

Supt

July 5 7

Sir

I have to report that William Long, Cutter in the Customs Department, died June 9. 1877, and his name has been dropped from the rolls.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Wood
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 6th 7

Sir

On the ground of meritorious services, I have increased the compensation of David M. Evans, Weigher in the general department of this Mint, from $3.00 per diem, the increase to date from the 2d of July inst. and submit the same for approval under the 7th section of the Coinage Act of 1870.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snowden
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.

July 6th 7

Sir

I have duly received a request in writing under date of June 29th from Mr. H. B. Cross, Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass. to pay to your order the amount of his gold deposit of May 16, 1877, and your endorsement thereon requesting me to send the amount to your address by postal order.

We do not do business in that way. When Mr Cross made the deposit, he was handed a memorandum certificate in his name, and payment will be made in coin, over the counter

upon the return of that certificate, properly endorsed by Mr. Bowes, and not otherwise. The deposit will be paid in gold coin, whenever that certificate is returned to me by any person duly authorized to receive it. You can forward it by Adams Express Co. if you so desire.

I enclose a Mint circular for your information and guidance.

Very Respectfully,

J. A. Colwell
Supt.

Mr.
S. R. Brackett.
182 Merrimack St.
Lowell
Mass.

July 5th 7

Sir.

I enclose Statements of Gold Coin transferred to the Bullion Fund; Subsidiary Coin transferred to the Treasurer U.S. Assay Value of Ores & Grains from Deposits melting & toning. The Coin transfers dating from January 14. 1875 to June 30. 1877. and the Ores and Grains Statements for the fiscal year just ended all in obedience to instructions from you of a recent date. Others next Session.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

July 5th 7

Sir

We are again in need of Subsidiary Silver Coin for Change, and as we have the Sum of $10.830.00 due for the Coinage Charges, and also the Engraving of this Coin from the Vaults be unnecessary, and Cost some $20 or $30 that it might be awarded that the Asst Treasurer Should be authorized to receive the above mentioned Sum in Coin from the Mint as a deposit for Coin, but keeping the accounts in such a way as to show the transaction to be a legitimate one, which is

without doubt must be. If Considered practicable, please inform me without delay, and I will transfer the Coin, and make a deposit in Cincinnati for Ohio needed.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

July 6 7

Sir.

The Coiner reports to me that another automatic assorting machine for the use of this Mint, is now en route for New York, and suggests that steps be taken to get it through the Custom House without delay, and have it forwarded immediately to Philadelphia.

I enclose the Coiners letter for your information.

Very Respectfully

Wm. E. Elder

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington.

July 6 7

Sir

You will please furnish me at your earliest convenience a statement showing the number and denominations of dies made during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877, for the various Mints, both coinage, medal and specimen dies, also a list of the hubs manufactured for the same during the fiscal year.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Wm Barber Esq
Engraver

July 6 77

Sir

You will please furnish me at your earliest convenience, a statement showing the names, number struck, and composition, of all the medals manufactured at this Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kimball
Supt

O. H. Burtyshell. Esq.
Comd

July 6 7

Sir.

Referring to your letters of June 30th, and July 2d and 5th. I herewith send you by the Adams Express Co. the sum of $82.27 cents, currency, the amount of the bills for expenses, of Mess. E. B. Ellicott, and Fred K. Eckfeldt, as follows.

E. B. Ellicott $29.75

" " $2.50 = $62.25

F. Eckfeldt 20.02

$82.27

Please acknowledge the receipt of this remittance. Very Respectfully

R. E. Preston. By
Acting Director Mint.

G. E. Pollock Ass.

July 6 7

Sir.

Our repairs are all completed, and with some new machinery, and greater facilities, we are prepared to "push things." We have resumed operations vigorously, and are ready now to receive fine silver from the Assay Office, for Trade Dollars, when ever it may be convenient for you to favor us with business.

Very Respectfully
H E Hirsch

Thos. L. Nelson, Esq.
Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

July 6th 1877

Sir

I transmit herewith my Refinery and Subsidiary Silver Coinage Expenses A/cs. for June 1877.

Please advise me as early as will be convenient of the mode by which I shall liquidate Coins Gold Wastage and Loss on Gold Drafts sold, from the Ordinary Contingent A/c referred to in yours of 4th Instant.

Very Respectfully

H.G. Hewitt

Acting Supt

Hon. N.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

July 6th 1

Sir.

Please draw your Trans-
fer Order for $69.690.— to reim-
burse you for Coins issued
from your Minor Coins Redemp-
tion Fund.

Very Respectfully
[redacted]
Acting Supt

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer Clk
Washington
D.C.

July 6 7

Sir

I herewith forward an amended requisition for stationery and other articles, for the use of this Mint, for the six months ending December 31. 1877; together with an inventory of supplies on hand.

Very Respectfully

A. E. Kinsley

Acting Supt

Hon.
John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

July 7 7

Sir.

In compliance with instructions from Acting Director Preston, I herewith enclose the original bill of lading for two boxes containing an automatic assorting machine, forwarded to your Mint by fast freight line, on the 6th of July inst.

Very Respectfully
W. S. Hitchcock
Acting Supt

O. H. La Grange, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 7 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 7th inst has been received.

You labor under a misapprehension, since the establishment of the Mint, our engraver and designers have made experimental dies at intervals to see whether any and what improvement could be made in the general style and appearance of our coin, but the general design and devices are regulated by the Act of Congress, and we cannot make any radical change without authority of law.

Some improvement in the Quarter Eagle was made

year, but so slight that the public does not seem to have noticed it. It is possible that some minor improvement in the appearance of our silver coins may be made after New years, but thus far none have been authorized by the Director.

The enclosed coin circular will show you how to procure proof coins.

Very Respectfully
H. L. Hibbard
Acting Supt.

Chas. E. Case. Esq.
Jamestown
N. D.

July 7 7

Sir.

In compliance with your instructions of the 3d inst, the two boxes on storage here, containing an automatic assorting machine, was forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco, by through freight line, on the 5th of July inst, and I herewith enclose the triplicate bill of lading for your information; the duplicate having been filed here, and the original mailed to the Supt of the Mint at San Francisco, as directed in your letter.

Very Respectfully
H C Kilbourn
Asst Supt

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director Mint

July 7 7

Sir.

Your letter and package of the 6th inst received.

The mineral sent by you is simply sulphide of iron, or pyrites. Whether it can be of any value, you will have to inquire of an iron-master, as it is out of our line. We do not assay ores for anything but gold and silver.

Very respectfully
H. G. Hanks
Assaying Supt.

Mr. R. Shaw, P.O.
Clearfield
Pa

July 7 7

Sir

Your box of annual assay coins for the second quarter of 1877 was duly received.

Very Respectfully

H C Kibbe

Asst Supt

C. A. La Grange. Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

July 9 7

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 5th inst. in behalf of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, I forward to you to day by the Adams Express Co. eleven specimen half dollars, in silver, from designs prepared by our Engraver, Mr. Barber, and by Mr. Morgan, special engraver, together with a note of explanation from Mr. Barber.

I also enclose, for payment Mr. Barber's bill for the metal consumed in them, $6.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint

July 9 7

Sir

Your letter of June 29 th has been received.

We as an accommodation, the Mint makes assays of ores, for gold and silver, only, not other metals, at a charge of $8. currency, prepaid, for each specimen assayed.

Half a pound will be enough for assay. You can send by mail or express, as you may prefer at your own risk.

Very Respectfully

Mr. G. W. Land. H. L. Hickok

Land. P. O. Acting Supt

Orleans Co.

July 9 7

Sir.

I herewith forward the following statements called for in your letter of the 6th inst.

1. Names, number struck, and composition of all the medals manufactured at this Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877.

2 Number and denomination of dies made for the various Mints for coinage, medal and specimen dies, and hubs for the same, during the same year.

Very Respectfully

R. E. Preston. Supt
Acting Director Mint.

H. C. Hancock
Acting Supt

Jan 9 7

Sir

The 10z silver dish by Express, specified in your letter of the 2d inst, we duly received, together with the cut paper pattern for others of a smaller size. The stock is drained just now by extra demands for coinage, and we shall have to make new moulds for the desired dishes, which will take a week, but we expect to be able to send you at least a portion of the new dishes in two weeks from this date, which we hope will be in time for

Your

your purposes.

Very Respectfully
H. H. Hicks
Acting Supt

Wm. N. Jeffers
Chief Bureau of Ordnance
Navy Department
Washington
D.C.

July 9 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of June 30th ultimo, I have to state that a list of our employees in the order in which they will appear in our consolidated pay rolls, will be forwarded to the Director, as soon as the revised consolidation has been effected, probably in the course of the next ten days.

Very Respectfully
W. H. Kilbourne
Acting Chief

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington.

July 9 7

Gentlemen.

The 57 fine silver bars, for returns in Trade Dollars, specified in your letter of the 6th inst. have been received.

We expect to make returns for your first three deposits this week, sending you the first shipment tomorrow, and your last deposits next week, if no unforeseen hindrance prevents.

We have resumed operations with better facilities, and the Supt. is pushing things vigorously, on both Trade Dollars and Government coinage.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. New York.

Very Respectfully H. R. Linderman Acting Supt.

July 9th 7

Sir

In reply to yours of ~~yesterday~~ the 7th asking what portion of the Loss on Gold Snaps sold during the Fiscal year ended June 30th 77 is on a/c of Melted & Refined Snaps, I have to state that the calculation shows $3.538.43 as the amount.

Very Respectfully
W. E. Kinkead
Acting Supt.

Hon N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

July 10th 7

Sir,

Referring to your letter (L.C.) of the 8th inst. I enclose herewith C/D of June 9th No. 1072, from the Asst. Treas. U.S. Philadª in your favor for $ 6.75 on Transfer Account, the net value of $ 2.16 in Silver 3ª pieces, mentioned in your letter; as per the enclosed Mint Memorandum.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

July 10th 7

Sir,

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received, enclosing copy of a letter of the 7th inst. from the Supt. of the N.Y. Assay Office, advising you that 800.000 Trade Dollars will be needed in August for New York depositors.

I can add nothing to your reply to him, "that the number of Trade Dollars the Mint can turn out in that Month, will depend entirely upon the Government demand for Subsidiary Silver Coin"; except that I shall push things vigorously, with a determination to furnish, if possible, all the Trade Dollars and Subsidiary Coin

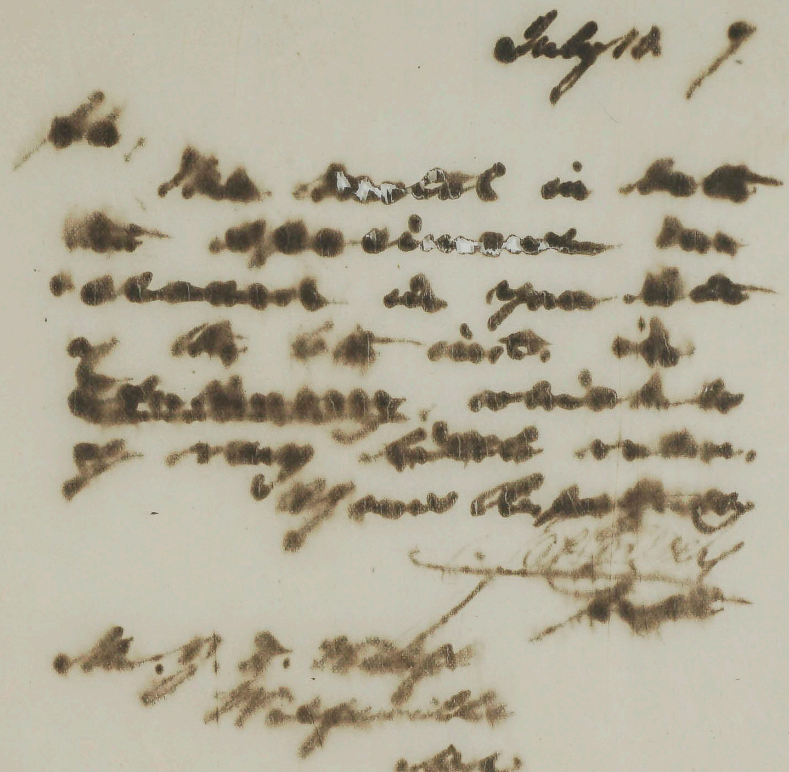
that may be required.

The Coinage for July, when completed, will enable me to estimate the probable Coinage for August.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Actg. Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.



July 10th 7

Sir;

Upon the recommendation of the Coiner, herewith enclosed, I have discharged Miss E. C. Latour, an Adjuster in his Department; she having been absent on leave, without pay, since the middle of last December, and not reported her whereabouts for months; and with the approval of the Director, will drop her name from the rolls.

Very respectfully

Supt

Hon. Ja. Ro. Lindermann
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

July 18th 7

Sir;

George Rogers, helper in the Copper Melting Room of the Melter and Refiner's Department, @ $2.90 per diem, resigned his place at the close of work on the 7th. of July inst; and his name has been dropped from the rolls accordingly.

Very respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 10th 7.

Gentlemen,

We have on hand and for sale, one Ton of old Lead.

Please submit a proposal for its purchase at the best price you can offer.

Your Respectfully

J. A. Brown

Supt.

Mess. Tatham Bros.
No. 226 South 3rd St.
Philadelphia.

July 11th 7

Sir,

Referring to your letter (L.S.) of the 6th inst., and the enclosed Mint Memorandum No. 238, I herewith enclose C/S July 10th No. 1072, from the Asst. Treas. U.S. at Phila.a, in your favor, as a transfer of currency, for the sum of $ 115.31 Silver Coin; the Bullion value of $ 131.68 in 3¢ and 5¢ silver pieces, received from you on the 7th inst.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

July 10th. 7

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 9th inst. I herewith forward the following State-ments for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1877.

1. Deposits and purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.

2. Gold and Silver of domestic production.

3. Gold and Silver Bars, man-ufactured.

I also forward monthly state-ments of each of the above, from De-cember 1876 to June 1877, inclusive.

These monthly statements were inadvertantly filed away in the depos-

-it soon, by a new and inexperienced hand, while I supposed that originals had been duly forwarded to your office.

Very respectfully

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Actg. Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 11th 77

Sir

Below I hand you a statement of the Refining operations for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1877 as called for in yours of May 3rd 1877.

Standard Ounces refined. Gold 1.59.869.833
Do Silver ... 380.913.17

Total income from Charges $ 5136.74
" Expenses $ 4537.89

I enclose a copy of a Communication from the Meeker & Refiner, for your information.

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 11th 7

Sir,

I have today forwarded to the Supt. of the Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express Co. five (5) cases of 12, 14, 16, 17 and 19 inches radius respectively, as per your requisition of the 2nd of June ultimo.

I have also forwarded to-day, to the same Mint, by the same Express Co., eighteen (18) pairs of Trade Dollar dies, in part of your requisition of June 21st for 40 pairs.

These with the six (6) pairs forwarded June 28th leave 16 pairs yet to be furnished, which will be done as soon as may be practicable.

Express receipts enclosed.

Very respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Supt

July 12th 77

Gentlemen,

Your bid is respectfully invited for the purchase of the following old material now on hand at the Mint.

Cast Iron	–	about 6 Tons
Wrought do.	–	" 600 lbs
Copper	–	" 150 "

Proposals will be received until Wednesday, July 18th 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Terms, Cash, on delivery at the Mint.

The material can be examined any day, between 9 and 12 o'clock, in the forenoon.

Yours respectfully

J. A. Stewart

Supt.

Messrs.

Dussenius Cunliffe & Co.

S. E. Cor 12th St & Washington Ave

Philadelphia

July 12th 7

The foregoing Notice mailed also to

Messrs, Chas. H. Lippincott & Co
11th & Noble Sts.

" J. Jones & Co.
154 North 13th St.

" A. Purves & Co
17 South St.

Mr. C. Newcomb
1828 N. 19th St.

July 12th 7

Gentlemen,

Your bid of 6 ¢ per lb. Cash, for One Ton of old Lead is accepted.

The Lead will be delivered to you at the Mint, at your earliest convenience.

Yours respectfully
J. R. Snowden
Supt.

Messrs,
Latham & Bros.
226 So. 8th St.
Philada

July 12th 7

Sir,

In pursuance of directions from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, I have to request that you will deliver, to the Adams Express Company, for me, such of the Boxes used in shipping Coins, as are not needed for such use in your office.

Very respectfully

Supt.

Geo. Eyster Esq
Asst. Treas. U.S.
Philada.

July 12th 7

Sir,

I have today forwarded by the Adams Express Co. to the Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco, sixteen (16) pair Trade Dollar dies; which is in full of the balance due, on your requisition of the 18th of June ultimo.

Express receipt enclosed.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 10th 1

Sir,

I have this day deposited with the Asst. Treas. U.S. at Philada, in my name, to the credit of your general account, as a transfer of funds on account of subsidiary Silver Coin, Five Thousand Dollars in currency, and herewith enclose the Asst. Treasurer's certificate.

In return I have to request that you will forward a transfer order, in my favor as Supt, for the same amount, in Subsidiary Silver Coin, to enable me to make change in transacting the business of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ross

Supt.

Hon. Jas Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

July 13 7

Sir

Your specimen is micaceous iron, which is a good ore to work.

Yours respy

H C Nichols

Supt.

Mr W. H. Kister

Coolspot

Indiana Co. Pa.

July 14th 7

Sir;

Referring to your letter (S.C.) of the 9th inst., I herewith forward 6/2. of the 13th inst., No. 1078, in your name, from the Asst. Treas. U.S. at Philada., for the sum of $ 2[illegible], the Bullion value of $ 23.85 in Silver 3¢ and 6¢ pieces; forwarded by Express, as specified in your letter.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt.

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

July 14th 77

Sir;

I herewith forward Report of Coinage Executed at this Mint, for the Week, ending July 14th 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Washington D.C.

July 14th 77

Sir,

I herewith forward my Report of "Assay Coins Reserved" and "Coin Deliveries", made during the Quarter ending June 30th 1877.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Ellwood

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 14th 7

Sir,

I herewith forward the Official oath, of Mrs. Blanche F. Matthews, an Adjuster in the Coiner's Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 14th 7

Sir;

Enclosed herewith I forward for payment, receipted bill in duplicate, of Peter Wright & Sons, Phila.a, General Agents of the American Line of Steamships, for the sum of $17.20 ocean freight on the Automatic Assorting Machine, since forwarded, by your direction, to the Mint at San Francisco. As the Machine is intended for use there, I suppose the settlement of all bills in connection with it, should appear in the accounts of that Mint, and cannot properly be paid here.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Actg. Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 16 7

Dear Sir

The 4th stipulation for "a dollar weighing 17 d. 6 g. at least" was originated when the legal weight was 17 g. 8 (or 412½ grs.) the abatement of 2 grains being intended to allow for wear, or tolerance of weight; and not to be too rigid.

The dollar was reduced to 412½ grs. in 1837, but the finess was raised, so that the same value was preserved.

The trade-dollar weighs 420 grs., and was intended by the law for foreign trade, and not for domestic currency; yet it would seem to be a legal tender for five dollars at a time. Perhaps under a specific stipulation, it would be good for larger payments. It would [illegible] being

7½ grains more than the regular Dollar, its value is nearly two cents more. But when asked what is the present value of the former Dollar, we are at a loss; for it never forms no part of the currency.

Very respectfully

J. A. Pocock

Supt.

John B. Squires Esq.

250 South Front St

Philadelphia

July 16th 7

Sir;

I have this morning received your letter of the 14th inst., enclosing copy of one from the Supt. of the N.Y. Assay Office, enquiring about the order in which returns will be made for deposits for Trade Dollars.

There is some confusion and conflict of interests over there, on account of the misapprehension, on the part of private depositors in New York, of some verbal promises made by the Director just prior to our closing for the Annual Settlement; and a consequent rush upon us of their deposits, in the face of my remonstrances, before we were ready to receive them. But I will endeavor to make such equitable distribution of returns as will prevent

injustice to the Assay Office.

We have thus far received from the Assay Office, Bullion to the value of only 200.691 Trade Dollars, out of the 325.857 mentioned in Mr. Acton's schedule. I shall send him one hundred thousand Trade Dollars on Thursday of this week and the balance as soon as may be practicable.

The out turn of Trade Dollars, is now almost up to the ability of our Adjusters to weigh and adjust the planchets. We are of course, also under the necessity of keeping up the full required coinage of subsidiary silver.

By the close of the month I hope to have the current of deposits and returns, moving in their accustomed regular order.

Very respectfully

J. P. Kennedy

Supt

R. E. Preston Esq.
Actg. Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 17th 7

Madam:;

Your letter of the 16th inst. has been received.

The Mint only furnishes "Proof" Coins of the current year, on the terms of the enclosed Circular. It is not in my power to furnish coins of former years.

Your application for a U.S. $5. Gold piece of 1856, must therefore be made to private coin dealers, unless, indeed, some of the Banks or Brokers in Wall St. New York, could supply you.

Very respectfully

Supt.

Miss. A.B. Berard
West Point, N.C.

July 17th. 7

Sir;

Your letter of the 16th. inst, authorizing me to purchase Silver Bullion for Subsidiary Coinage; at a price not exceeding one half cent per ounce fine, below the equivalent of the London rate on the day of purchase, has been received.

I suppose the Bullion is to be paid for in Gold Coin, as heretofore, and that I am to depend upon the morning papers for the London quotations of the day before.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Actg. Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

July 17th 7

Sir,

In compliance with your request under date of the 12th inst. I herewith forward a separate requisition for Blanks and Blank Books required by this Mint, for the six months, ending December 31st 1877, together with samples of the blank forms, and specimen leaf of books.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Actg. Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 18th 7

Sir,

I have reduced the compensation of C. A. Carpenter, Blacksmith in the General Department of this Mint, from $3.00 to $1.50 per diem, from the 2nd of July inst.; and submit the same for approval.

Very respectfully

J. A. Pearl

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Actg. Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

July 18th 7

Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 30th. of June ultimo, I herewith forward a list of the per diem Employe's of this Mint; arranged in the order in which their names will appear, on our consolidated pay rolls, for the current month.

Very respectfully

[illegible]
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Actg. Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

July 18th "

Sir;

Your letter of the 12th " inst, was duly received.

In compliance with your request and for your accommodation, I enclose herewith the affidavit of the Cashier of the Mint, with regard to the shipment of $1000. in subsidiary silver coin, to your Bank, on the 22nd of May last.

I also enclose the affidavit of the Supt. of the Mint Department of the Adams Express Co.

The character and standing of the gentlemen engaged in this service, and the checks and safeguards thrown around our deliveries and shipments of

Silver Coin, make it impossible that either fraud or mistakes should occur in the Mint.

The enclosures in your letter are herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

J. N. Bloch

Supt.

H. G. Ferris Esq.
Prest. Hancock Co. Nat. Bank
Carthage Ill.

"Telegram"

Philad.a July 19, 1877.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Our Trade Dollar dies are made from same steel and give perfect satisfaction. Each pair strikes over one hundred and seventy five thousand pieces

L. E. Roark
Supt. Mint

July 19th 7

Sir,

You will please prepare at your earliest convenience,

24 obverse and 24 reverse Trade Dollar dies, for the Mint at San-Francisco; taking care to make them of your best quality of steel.

Very respectfully

Jos. Ledoux

Supt.

Wm Barber Esq.
Engraver.

July 19th " 7

Gentlemen,

Your bid of the 14th inst., for old Iron, Steel and Copper, as specified, has been accepted.

You will please call at your very earliest convenience, and pay for the materials and take them away.

Very respectfully

Jas. Ryan

Supt.

Messrs.

Bussenius Cunliffe & Co.

S. E. Cor. of 12th St. & Washton. Ave.

Phila.

July 19th 7

Sir;

The three boxes of Assay Coins, from your Mint, for the second Quarter of 1877, specified in your letter of the 11th inst., have been received.

Very respectfully

Supt.

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

July 19th 7

Sir;

I have transferred and promoted C.A. Bosbyshell Cutter, in the Coiners Department at $2.00 per diem to the Coining Room, as Counter, at $3.50 per diem.

This transfer to take effect on the 1st of August proxime. The Coiners reccommendation of the transfer is herewith enclosed.

Upon the nomination of the Coiner, also enclosed, I have appointed George F. Forney as a Cutter in the Coiners Department, from the 1st of August proxime, at $2.00 per diem, vice C.A. Bosbyshell transferred to the Coining room; and submit the foregoing for approval

Very respectfully

L.A. Eckels

Supt.

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 19th 7

Sir,

At the request of the Coiner, herewith enclosed, I have appointed Wm. S. Steel as Acting Coiner, during the temporary absence of the Coiner; and submit the same for approval.

Very respectfully

A. E. Wood

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 20th 7

Sir;

I have today forwarded to the Supt. of the Mint at Carson, sixteen (16) pair Trade Dollar dies, in full of the balance of your requisition of the 21st of June ultimo, for 40 pairs of those dies.

Express receipt enclosed.

Very respectfully

[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Phila. 4 20 1

J. F. Wadleigman
New York City

Will send you some trade dollars
by Wednesday next.

Jno. Ford
Supt

July 20th 1

Sir;

I herewith enclose C/D of this date in your favor for the sum of $7. Silver Coin, on Currency Transfer Account; being the Bullion value of $7.47/100 in silver 3¢ and 6¢ pieces, forwarded to the Mint, as per your letter of the 18th inst,.

Very respectfully

Lat Breed
Supt.

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

July 20th 7

Sir;

I herewith forward, for the Secretary of the Treasury, ~~6/6~~ of this date, No. 3336, for $106,$^{44}/_{100}$ Coin, on account of refining charges.

Very respectfully

C. Lee Cowen

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D.C.

July 20th. 7

Sir;

I have duly received your circular letter of the 12th inst., enclosing the Presidents' Executive Order of the 22nd of June, ultimo, with regard to the interference of Government Officers and Employés, in the management of Political Campaigns; and prohibiting assessments for political purposes.

The wishes of the President have been communicated to the Officers and Employés of this Mint, and I have enjoined upon them, strict compliance with its directions on this subject. Assessments will not be permitted and discharges will be

made

made for any other violation of the
Presidents Order.

Very respectfully

Jas. Bolen

Supt.

Hon. R. C. McCormick
Acting Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

July 21 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of coinage executed, for week ending July 20. 1877.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 20th 7

Sir;

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been received.

As an accommodation, the Mint makes assays of Ores, but only to see if they contain Gold or Silver, not other metals.

The charge is $ 3. currency for each specimen assayed.

If you want your Copper Ores assayed you can have it done by Booth & Garrel, Chant st, Philada. or by Prof. T. A. Genth, of the University of Penna, in this city; who are skilfull and reliable assayers. I dont know what their charge will be.

Very respectfully

H. S. Kirk

Assay Supt.

Messrs. Buck & Folger

Sherman, Texas.

July 23 7

Sir.

The enclosed communication from Hamburg, with regard to the automatic assorting machine shipped to New York, was received this morning.

I supposed it was intended for your office, and I therefore forward it for your consideration.

Very Respectfully
H C Kidder
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington

July 28. 1877

Supt U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

Letter received. Will send you about sixty thousand tomorrow on Thursday, and fifty thousand more by Saturday or Monday.

H G Hickok

Acting Supt.

Pd Gratis

July 23 7

Sir

Your postal card of the 21st inst, has been received.

As an accommodation the Mint makes assays of ores, but only for gold and silver, not other metals. The charge is $5. currency, for each specimen assayed.

Very Respectfully
H G Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. D. S. Minser.
Chicago
Ill.

July 23 1

To Wm H Banks
Captain Night Watch

Sir,

These J. B. Andrew
John A. Green, Robert
Smith, and John Sinn, have
been detailed for duty
as special Night
Watchmen, for tonight.
You will accordingly
direct as such, and
accept the Assistants
and watch as, according
to the standing
Regulations upon your
Post.

Respectfully
H. C. Hitchcock
Acting Master

360

July 24 7

Sir.

Referring to your letter (S. G.) of the 20th inst. I herewith forward C. D. for $11.00 silver coin on your currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $13.74 in silver 2 ¢ pieces, specified in your letter.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
James G. Ilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

July 24 7

To the Captain &
the officers of the Night Watch.
Geo. N. Baldwin,
Jno. Armstrong,
Charles S. Montgomery,
John Ahmedt
have been selected by the
Night Watch for tonight.
All persons are
forbidden to pass
after.

By Order
Night Keeper

July 25 /

To the Captain of the
Night Watch.
J. Burkhardt
Frank Edwards
A. N. Jones and
Solomon Smith,
have been elected
to the Night Watch
for tonight

H. C. Hicks
Acting Capt

July 26 /

(Telegram)

Capt U. S. Army Office
New York.

We can send you one hundred thousand trade dollars to-morrow if you can get the Express Company to take them.

H. G. Wickoff
Actg Supt

July 26 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 24th, which has been received, transmitting draft No. 69,804 on the Sub Treasurer U. S. at New York, by Bushrod Birch, disbursing Clerk, in favor of the Superintendent of this Mint, for the sum of $57 in payment of his bill for six life saving medals of the second class, and cases for the same.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Asst Supt

J. H. Upton, Esq.
Chief Clerk.
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.

July 26 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 24th inst. has been received.

No steps can be taken to get the three cases of Mint machinery through the custom House at New York, until you have forwarded the Bills of Lading for the same to the Director of the Mint at Washington D. C. whose official address I herewith enclose for your information and guidance.

Very Respectfully
H C Kirkwood
Asst Supt

Messrs.
E. W. Jungo & Co.
New York.

July 26 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 24th inst. transmitting Treasury Draft for $6.50 in payment for eleven specimen half dollars, was duly received.

Very Respectfully.

[redacted]

Acting Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 26 7

Sir

I telegraphed you this A.M. that we could send you 100.000 Trade Dollars to morrow if you could get the Express to take them, I have been informed since, by the Express Agent here, that they will forward them.

We have not been able to ship any coin or bars thus far, this week, on account of the rail road strike.

Very Respectfully
W. E. Dickson
Acting Cash

Chas. G. Hoton. Esq
Supt U. S. Assay office.
New York

368

July 26 7

Sir.

In reply to your inquiry of the 20th inst, I have the honor to state that if you send us this week the proposed invoice of 100,000 ozs fine silver, for Trade Dollars, we can, I think, make full returns for this amount by Friday of next week the 6th of August, and in the mean time send you besides, the entire balance and you on bullion now in our hands.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Thos L Nelson Esq
Supt U.S. Assay Office.
New York

July 27 7

Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst. directing me to make no further purchases of silver until otherwise instructed, has been received to day.

Very Respectfully

J. L. Ellsworth
Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 27 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 26th inst. has been received to day.

All the Gold Dollars and you will be forwarded to you to day and to morrow.

The Adams Express Co. has not taken any coin from us until to day.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs.
J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

July 27 7

Sir

At the request of Hon. R. B. McCormick, Acting Secretary of the Treasury, I have appointed Orville D. Thatcher as a Conductor in the general department of this Mint at $4. per diem, from the 1st of August proximo; and submit the same for approval.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

July 27 7

Gentlemen.

Since writing y'r yesterday, I have received instructions from Washington, to discontinue the purchase of silver, until further notice. This being the case, I will not be able to pay for your silver in gold coin, if you should send it to the Mint, but could only make returns in Treas'd Dollars, or find bars as you may prefer.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Ellicott

Supt

Messrs.
Mares & Brig
Baltimore
Md.

July 28 77

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of coinage executed at this Mint for week ending July 28. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 30 7

Sir

In compliance with your requisition of the 18th inst. I hand to day forward to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co.

24 Eagles and
24 Half Eagles
Gold Dollar Pieces.

Express receipt enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Actg Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

July 91

Sir.

Your letter of the 29th inst has been received.

The piece of rock sent by you, is hornblende with mica. It has been assayed and contains no gold or silver.

Three dollars received.

Very Respectfully

H. B. Hitchcock

Asst Surg

S. W. Davis, Esq

Norwood

N. Y.

July 8 7

Sir

Referring to your letter (J. L.) of the 6th inst. I have the honor to state in reply, that $499.00 subsidiary silver coin, in payment of Transfer Letter No 1001, dated July 23. 1877, was delivered to the Adams Express Company, July 24 ult. for transportation to the State Bank of Syracuse, N. Y. but not shipped by the Express Co until the 30th of July, on account of the strike and riots.

The Express Company did not send out any coins from the Mint for nearly a week on

account of the interrupted connections, and during most of that period refused to take any coin from us, for that reason.

Very Respectfully
H. G. Hicks
Acting Supt

Hon.
Jas Gilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

July 31 7

Sir

I herewith forward Statement of coinage executed at this Mint for the current month of July. As this statement only covers twenty two working days, and less than that of actual coining. I think the outturn may be regarded as reasonably satisfactory.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Acting Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D. C.

July 9. 7

Sir

Your letter of 2nd July 2nd and the accompanying box of minerals specimens, together with three dollars enclosed, were duly received.

The ores proved to be merely sandstone with a little iron pyrites, and of no value whatever.

Very Respectfully
H C Nichols
Acting Engr

Mr.
J. M. Lane.
Land O.
Arkansas.

July 31. 7

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Teller of this Mint, with the following result

Gold.	$1.079.100.84
Silver	191.582.71
Refining & Parting Dp.	810.30
Ordinary Dp regular	10.526.48
Assays of Silver coin.	855.70
Mixed Coinage	52.918.50
" Coins exchanged	7.067.07
" " reissued	10.190.00
" Coinage redemption	284.717.17
	$1.648.801.29

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
H. Kretzer
Acting Supt

Hon.
J. R. Lindermann.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 1 7

Gentlemen.

The enclosed complaint should be addressed to the Treasurer U. S at Washington D. C. upon whose orders about one thousand silver coins are shipped from the Mint.

We Transfer Letter of July 19. from C. No. 1816, in your favor, called for $100. on par. $101. in 1/2's and $100. in dimes, and they were therefore forwarded to you. There was no error on the part of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

H. E. Patterson

Messrs.

Hoyt & Lewis.

Mellerville. N. Y.

August 1 7

Sir.

I herewith forward
Each of Offices of Gen Z. Torney.
Cashier in this Mint.

Very Respectfully
H. Kirkwood
Acting Cash

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 1 7

Sir.

In reply to your inquiry of July 31st, I have the honor to state that we shall tomorrow (Thursday) forward you at least 100,000 Trade Dollars, and a further consignment on Friday.

We find ourselves hindered this week by the standing priority given by the Department to the coinage of subsidiary silver.

I had now no deposits on hand for Trade Dollars except those from the Assay Office, and a few small miscellaneous demands, and we hope to keep well

up

use to time in our returns
to you.

Very Respectfully
H C Kickoff
Acting Supt

Chas. L. Scott, Esq
Supt U. S. Mail Steamer Office
New York.

August 1 7

Sir.

Your complaint of the 28th of July ult. of the non arrival of $6,000 in subsidiary silver coin, ordered by your Bank, has been referred by the Treasury D. S. to the Mint for answer.

In reply I have the honor to state that the coin was delivered to the Adams Express Co. by the Cashier of the Mint on the 21st of July, but they could not forward it from this city until the 26th of July, on account of the strikes and riots on the lines of railroad communication.

I presume you have received the coin before this time.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

James T. Wallace Esq. Cash.
Hopkinsville
Ky.

August 1 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward,

Statement of Mint coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged, for month of July 1877.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Mint coinage operations for same month.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickcox
Actg Supt

Hon.
R. E. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Telegram)

August 2 7

Supt Mint San Francisco.

Copper purchased for your Mint fund eighteen hundred and seventy, ten thousand nine hundred and thirty three pounds. November, same year, two thousand and forty one pounds.

That is all.

H E Wolcott
Acting Supt Mint

August 2

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward official oath of O. D. Shattuck, Conductor, General Department this Mail.

Very Respectfully
H C Hsaac
Acty Supt

Hon.
H. R. Reinhardt
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 27

Sir.

Your letter of July 30th was received to day.

The silver coins you mention are worth their face value as money. They have no fixed gold value. The market price of silver bullion fluctuates from day to day like any other article of commerce, and is mostly governed by the London quotations. If you should sell the coins you speak of at bullion, you would get whatever price you owned for the actual silver they contain, that buyers may be paying on the day you sell.

J.

I enclose a Mink circular
for your further information.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

James L. Dobson, Esq
Greenville
Penn.

August 27

Sir.

The package of one, (one) phial of iron ore from Senator Ransom referred to in your letter of July 30 ult. has been assayed in compliance with your request, and was found to contain gold at the rate of three ounces per ton of 2000 pounds, say sixty two dollars.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Asst Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 8 7

Sir.

Upon the nomination of the Board, herewith enclosed, I have appointed Morris B. Allison, as a Cleaner in the Bureau department, at $2. per diem, and submit the same for approval. This appointment to take effect upon confirmation, from date of official oath.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Powell
Ch'n B

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 3 7

Sir.

To equalize compensation, I have increased the pay of C. B. Ruloff, cleaner, and W. H. Evans, annealer, both in the Coiners department, from $2.50 to $3.00 per diem; the increased rate from August 1. instant.

I have also promoted Samuel W. Hunter, Laborer in the general department at $2.50 to be a Carpenter in the same department at $3.00 per diem from the 1st of August inst. and submit these changes for your approval.

Approved.

Very Respectfully
J. C. Fremont
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 3 7

Sir.

I herewith return the duplicate bill of George Morgan, Special Engraver for the signature of the Acting Director, inadvertantly omitted.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Hoyt
Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 8 7

Sir

Referring to your letter (Ch. G.) of July 31st I herewith transmit Ch. G. August 2 & No. 106. in your favor, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, $12.40. The bullion value of $1.29 in silver of specie specified in your letter.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Hon.
Sat. Gilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

August 8 1837

Sir.

Enclosed & forward by Mail August 2. No. 149. as your favor, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, for $1.08.00 gold coin, the proceeds of the receivings of $1.09.00 light gold coin, deposited by you July 08 for which favor, read

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Cyrus Northrop, Esq

Asst

Coll of Customs.

New Haven.

Ct

Augt 3 /

Sir,

The mineral you sent is nothing but common sandstone with a little shining sulphide of iron, which has deceived you, as it has many others. It is of no value, and there is no use of wasting money for an assay. I therefore return what you sent.

The Mint takes only metallic gold & silver; not ores.

Yours, respy

Jas. Pollock

Mr. Wm. Lance
Bowe. P.O. York.

August 8 7

Sir.

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury W.S. of this date No. 8808, for $1.16.9 coin, on account of refining charges.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
S. R. Lindermad.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 3 7

Sir

I yesterday forwarded
to you by the Adams Express
Co. a package containing
One ounce fine gold, proof.
Four ounces fine silver, proof.
Fifteen ounces fine silver, for gold assay
called for in your letter of
October 20. 1836.

You have charged intrinsic
value, premium on gold, and
specie cost of chemical fluxes,
amounting to Fifty five dollars,
currency, in all. You sent
me, in currency, and I here-
with send you a post office money
order for the balance, $47.50 and

you. Please acknowledge
receipt.

Very Respectfully
Jos Orbison
Lt C

Dr.
M. L. Bonzano.
Manager in charge
U. S. Mint
New Orleans.
Lw

(Telegram)

August 4 7

Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

No trade dollars sent yesterday. Too late for tram. Will send you seventy thousand Monday, and thirty thousand Tuesday.

C. Leech
Supt Mint

August 4 7

Sir.

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $87,000. for the service of this Mint for the current month, August, as follows.

Salaries	$9,500.
Wages	25.000.
Incidentals	6.000.

and will thank you for the usual prompt remittance, which will greatly facilitate our operations.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

August 7 7

Sir

I will thank you for another supply of blanks - say two dozen - for the monthly report of official postage stamps received, used and on hand. I am entirely out of them.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Hon.
John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

August 4 1877

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Miners Weekly Report of Coinage executed, for week ending August 4. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augt 4 7

Mr George Pr Moore

Dr Sir

The mineral sent by
you is a pretty specimen of
iron pyrites, but is of no value.

Respectfully yours

Jas Blake
Asst Surg

Surgy. P. O
W. D.

Auget 6 7

Gentlemen.

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst, I enclose a Mint circular which will explain the manner in which we receive and account for gold deposited for coinage.

The Dakota gold dust shipped by you to the Mint on the 2nd inst by Express, was deposited by Geo C. Thompson, Agent of Adams Express Co, in his own name, as usual in such cases, and the proceeds paid to him in gold coin, by the Cashier of the Mint, upon the return of the certificate of

the deposit; and neither the Mail nor the Express Company knows John McAllister in the transaction.

In the regular course of business the Express Co would have shipped the coin to you; but if you refused to receive it, they of course must retain it, until the rightful claimant appears, properly vouched for and identified.

Very Respectfully

Jas Bell & Co

Messrs.
Townsend Brothers.
12 Wall Street
New York.

August 6 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I send you to day by the Adams Express Co, the following impressions in copper of new designs for silver coins.

By Mr. Barber.

6 Dollar pieces
10 Half Dollars as
2 Quarters " "
2 Dimes.

By Mr. Morgan.

12 Half Dollar pieces

By Mr. Pacquet.

2 Half Dollar pieces.

The dies for the 85 d. gold

coin and not yet completed. Will be able to send you specimens in copper, in a week or ten days.

Very Respectfully
J. L. Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

August 6 7

Mr S.B. Ferguson

Sir

The sand sent by you is not the kind which usually accompanies placer gold; and gives no promise of any thing valuable.

If you wish an assay, for gold or silver, and will send a larger quantity, say half a pound, with five dollars for Mint Charge, we will attend to it, when we get time.

Respectfully yours

Jas. Pollard

Supt. &c.

Princeville

Ill.

August 6 7

Gentlemen.

The Mink has for sale a second hand pair of shears for clipping ingots. If you want an article of the kind he will be pleased to receive a bid for them by Friday noon, the 10th inst. Terms, Cash on delivery.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Wood

Supt

Messrs.
N. G. Brooke & Wineburgers.
261 N. 3d St
Phila.

August 6 7

Sir.

The Mink has for sale a second hand pair of shears for clipping ingots. If you need an article of the kind, I will be pleased to receive a bid for them by Friday noon, the 10th inst. Terms cash on delivery.

Yours respectfully

J. Powell

Supt.

Mr.
Isaac N. Shearman
132 North 3rd St
Phila.

August 6 7

Sir

Eno Smith has for sale
a second hand pair of shears
for clipping nigs &c. If you
need an article of the kind,
I will be pleased to receive
a bid for them by Friday
noon, the 8th inst.

Yours early on delivery.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Steel
Cutler

Mr.
Eno H. Smith.
135 North 3rd St
Phila

August 6 77

Sir.

I herewith forward our Melter & Refiners State-ments of Bullion operations, and Silver Melting for the month of July, 1877; which you will observe are highly creditable.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 6 7

Sir.

I enclose herewith a forward a communication of this date from our Melter & Refiner, with regard to deposits of gold from the New York Assay office, that are unfit for coinage.

I respectfully calling your attention to the law and regulations, and your repeated instructions governing the transmission of bullion to the Mint by the Assay office, & have to request that you will inform me whether we shall receive this inferior

bullion here, at the creek of the Governor, or whether I shall return it to the Assay Office to be properly refined there, at the cost of the private depositor to whom it belongs. The latter seems to me to be the proper course.

I hope that the regulations on this subject which have been widely established, after much mature deliberation, will be firmly maintained.

I await your instructions.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

August 6 7

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 4th inst. (A. G.) I enclose herewith, a draft of this date, in your favor, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, for $10.00 in your currency transfer account, being the par value of 8 nickel cigarros by five, sent to me by you for the purpose stated.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Hon.
Jas Gilfillan,
Treasurer U. S.
Washington. D.C.

August 7 7

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. to the Adams Express Co. with regard to your deposit of silver bullion, has been referred to me for answer.

Many of the operations of the Mint are governed by directions from the Treasury Department at Washington. D. C. At the time I mailed you a silver circular under date of July 26th ult. I was authorized by the Department to purchase silver deposits at one half cent per ounce and find below the London quotations of the same

day, and pay for the same
in gold coin. Before your
letter and to hand these
directions were countermanded,
and I was instructed to dis-
continue the purchase of silver
bullion. Grade Dollars, or find
bars, as you may prefer, and
therefore the only returns I
can make for your bullion

Very Respectfully

Asst Treas

H. B. Lorings Esq
Boston Highlands
Mass

August 7 7

Sir

I herewith forward my estimates of the appropriations required for the support of this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

August 7 7

Sir.

In reply to your letter (J. L.) of the 6th inst. I have to report that the complaint enclosed in your letter of July 18th of a shortage of $87.00 in a shipment of silver coin on your transfer, ~~order~~ letter No. 5-95. to the Citizens National Bank of Winterset, Iowa, was referred to the Adams Express Company for investigation, the full amount of coin having left the Mint in good order. The shortage occurred after the coin left Philadelphia. I am informed to day by the Supt

of the Philadelphia office of the Adams Express Co. a copy of which communication is herewith enclosed, that the matter has been referred to the connecting Express Co. at the other end of the route, for adjustment.

There is no possibility of any error on the part of the Mint in the shipment of silver coin or Transfer Letter.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

Jas. G. McCulloch.

Secretary U. S.

Washington

D. C.

August 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 31st ult. enclosing draft on Wells, Fargo & Co. New York, for $190.87. in payment for tiles shipped to your Mint by Mr. Wm J. O'Brien, June 20. 1877. has been received.

I endorsed the draft to Asst order, which no doubt will be paid, and the warrant properly receipted by Mr. O'Brien, is herewith returned, as requested.

Very Respectfully

Jno. B. Wood

Supt

J. R. Hafer. Esq.
Acting Supt U. S. Mint
Carson.

Augt. 8 /

Sir

All quartz or gravel is likely to contain a trace of gold, but generally far too little to pay, & no doubt yours is of that sort. There is a slight metallic show, which is the sulphide of iron.

Respy yours

Supt.

Mr W Clay Jr
Bedford
Co

Aug 8th 7

Sir

I report the following as the amount of Silver Bullion on hand July 31st ult.

In Melter & Refiners Crucible	Ozs.	1092.859.74
" Coiners	"	276.000
Total		1,368.859.74

Very Respectfully
Jno. Leach
Supt.

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P. H. Bousquet
Pres. Nat. Bk
Pella
Iowa

August 9 7

Sir

Your Letter of the 8th inst. in relation to the increase of pay of Thomas McLain, Cutter Cellar, from $8. to $8.50 per diem &c, has been received.

Mr. McLain was appointed April 19. 1875. at $8. per diem. After being in that position for 15 months, and performing the duties of that important post with great fidelity and acceptance to the Melter and Refiner; and as those doing the same work in the same cellar were receiving $8.50. the Melter and Refiner in justice to

Mr. McLain, asked that his pay be increased from $6. to $8.50 per diem, from September 1st 1870. This I acceded to, and was under the impression that the increase had been reported and affirmed, until I received your letter this morning. Having inadvertently, in the pressure of business and the Centennial rush, omitted to make such report - which I regret - I would respectfully ask, that in as much as the said increase was eminently just and proper, that you could now approve of the same as of September 1. 1870. Mr. McLain is a very worthy

industrious and useful employé, and has the full confidence of the Master & Repairer, and of all who know him. I enclose a letter from Prof. Barker on this subject.

Mr. John Douglass, Plumber, died February 1870, and his name has been dropped from the roll.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Reed
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D. C.

Aug 9 7

Dr Sir

The Mint charge for assay of ores for gold and silver, is five dollars. About half a pound is enough, & can be sent by mail.

As you are convenient to the Denver Mint, the assay could be made there, at a less charge, & with a quicker return.

Respy yours
C. A. Hoskins
Supt

Mr Thompson & Hough
Idaho Springs Col.

Aug. 9th 7

Sir

I transmit by Express to day my Bullion and Coinage offic's for 2d Quarter 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. N.K. Sandoval

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

August 10 7

Sir

I herewith forward D/D. No. 3346, of the 9th inst. in your name, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for $62.97 gold, deposited with the Asst Treasurer U.S. Philadelphia. proceeds of the coinage of one unparted gold bar deposited for that purpose, as per your letter of the 8th inst

Mint Memorandum No. 1078 enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pacoe

Supt

A. Silver Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint. Denver.

August 10 7

Sir.

As requested by the Assayer in Charge of the Mint U. S. at Denver, Col. I herewith forward D/S of the 7 x ind. No. 88056. in his name, for $62.97 cents proceeds of the coinage of one unparted gold bar deposited by him for that purpose July 21. 1877.

Mint Memorandum No. 1078 also enclosed.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bryant

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

August 16 7

Sir

Referring to your letter (L. L. C.) of the 4th inst. I herewith transmit C/D. No. 1117. August 9th. in your favor, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia. $1222 the bullion value of $1000 in mutilated silver 3 cent pieces specifics in your letter.

Very Respectfully

Jas Reed

Supt

Hon.

James Gilfillan.

Treasurer U. S.

Washington

D. C.

Aug 10 7

Sir

It is intirely out of our line of business to exchange Single coins. The piece you send, I herewith returned, is worth $4.95 gold, which you can negotiate with some dealer in your town, with a fair discount.

Respectfully yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr Walter Kelly

Hopkinsville, Thurlow Co

Ky.

Aug. 10 4

Gentlemen

I am in receipt of
yours of yesterday regarding the
50 Bbls. Syrup & Sorghum Sent from
the Mint in May last.

At present I
can only say that the matter will
receive immediate attention, and I
have submitted the papers to our
Assayer for examination who will
report at the earliest day possible.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Wood
Supt.

Messrs. Howard & Hoble
No. 8 John St.
New York

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Aug 10th 7

Gentlemen.

Referring to my letter to you of even date, I desire to add that the Assistant Assayer who made the assays of the Smelts in question is away from the city and will return within the next week or so. It will be necessary to have his opinion in the matter before anything positive can be done in regard to it.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs. Howard & Miller
No. 1 John St.
N.Y.

August 11

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward, Coining Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending August 11. 1877.

Very Respectfully

W. Idell

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

August 11 7

Sir.

I herewith return your draft of August 7th, on Third Nat. Bank, Philadelphia, for $820. for dimes and mind cents, as we cannot fill the order in its present shape.

I enclose two circulars, issued by the Treasury Department, furnishing the necessary information as to how to procure the coins you desire.

Very Respectfully.

Jas. P. Wood
Supt.

Mr.
John G. Merrill Cashr
Foxburg Savings Bank
Foxburg, Pa.

Aug. 11. 1877

Hon. James Pollock
Supt.

Sir

Herewith I hand you $7.20 (gold dollars) proceeds of a counterfeit eagle sent by the Director of the Mint.

The weight was right; fineness 647. It was not made from genuine or fac-simile dies. It was not a filled piece; pretty good imitation, but too thick.

Very respy

W. E. DuBois
Assayer

Forwarded by Supt.
Aug 11/77.

Augst 11 7

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst, I have to inform you, that the first silver dollars and half dollars were coined in 1794. The first silver quarter dollars, dimes and half dimes in 1796. The first cents in 1793. The first gold Eagles and half eagles in 1795. Quarter Eagles 1796. Double Eagles 1850. Gold Dollars 1849. Three dollar piece 1854. Various coins were struck by the Colonies previous to those coined by the U. S. Govt.

The Mint does not keep old coins for sale, only proof sets of the current year, as per Medal circular enclosed

Hon. J. Ross. Snowden. of this City published a work on coins, such as you mention, a copy of which you could probably procure by addressing him at 100 South 6th Street, Phila.

The 25 cts. currency, enclosed in your letter is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
H. E. Hickcox
Acting Supt.

Mr.
Geo. W. Rooker.
Richville
N. Y.

August 11th 7

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of two (2) packages blank "Deposit Slips" – "Redemption of Minor Coins"

Very Respectfully

H C Hiskok

Acty Supt.

Hon H R Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

August 11 7

Gentlemen.

The Mint Cabinet does not need the gold coins specified in your letter of the 9th inst. We are supplied.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Richardson. Hill & Co.
Boston.
Mass.

August 18 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward oath of office of M. A. Allison, cleaner, in the coiners department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
H. H. Hickox
Asst Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 13 1837

Sir.

Your letter of the 11th inst. has been received.

Distributions of subsidiary silver coin are governed entirely by regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and it is not in the power of the Superintendent of the Mint to send such coin except on the terms of the enclosed circular. The proposition contained in your letter should be addressed to the Sec. of the Treasury, who alone has power to act in the matter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
H. E. Dickerson
Actg Supt

Wm B. Oliver Esqr
Newburn. N. C.

August 10 47

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst. was received to day. The enclosed circulars will give you the terms on which the Mint receives gold and silver bullion for coinage or to be made into fine bars.

As an accommodation, the Mint makes assays of ores to see if they contain gold or silver, but not for other metals. The charge is $5. currency, prepaid, for each specimen assayed. Half a pound of ore is sufficient for an assay.

For an examination of ores without an assay, no charge is made.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. Hitchcock
Acting Supt.

Mr. Geo. C. Yates.
Magnetic Iron Co.
Ark.

Augt 13 /

Sir

The quarter dollar sent by you is genuine, but has a visible flaw or split, which prevents ringing.

I send you a better piece instead. Pounding will not impair sonority of a coin, unless it makes a crack.

Respy yours

N. Bowditch

Actg. Supt

J. M. Brackett, Esq

Salem Mercantile Bank

Salem Mass.

August 10 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 11th inst. has been received.

All U. S. gold and silver coins now issued are 900 fine; that is, they contain 900 parts of pure metal, and 100 parts of alloy.

The first U. S. silver dollar was coined in 1794. The weight was 416 grains, and the fineness 892.4. The Act of Congress of January 18, 1837 changed the weight to 412½ grains, and the fineness to 900; and it so remained until the 1st of April 1873. when its coinage was discontinued,

and the Trade Dollar issued, weighing 420 grains, and 900 fine.

The gold dollar was first coined in 1849; weight 25.8 grains, fineness 900, at which it has remained ever since.

Very Respectfully,

H G Hicks

Acting Supt

Dr.

W. P. Horton.

Cleveland

Ohio

August 10 7

Sir.

I have received from the Assayer in charge of the the Mint at Denver, a package of unparted gold and silver bars, for returns in gold and silver coins as specified in his letter of August 1st. a copy of which I herewith enclose. Under existing regulations the Mint cannot supply the subsidiary silver coins he calls for, and I write to inquire if any arrangement can be made by the Department to enable the Superintendent of the Mint to furnish the silver coins

Assayer

Assayer Silver has requested.

Very Respectfully

H C Howard

Acting Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D.C.

August 18 7.

Sir.

Referring to your letter of July 2d ultimo, I forward to you to day by the Adams Express Co. as per the enclosed receipt, twenty two (22) fine silver discs of the new small size called for in your letter.

Unexpected difficulties were encountered in making those now sent, and new iron moulds will have to be made for the purpose, before we can furnish the remaining discs, which will be done as soon as may be practicable.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Acting Supt

Wm. S. Peffers.
Chief Bureau of Ordnance,
Navy Dept. Washington
D.C.

Augst 14 7

Sir.

Acknowledging the receipt this morning of your letter of the 13th inst. I herewith forward two pieces in copper from each of Mr. Morgans specimen dies, as follows.

2 of ten dollar piece.
2 " Half Dollar.
2 " new obverse Half Dollar.

The dies, hardened for use, were not all delivered to Mr. Barber until yesterday; hence the delay. The pieces were struck yesterday afternoon, but not in time to be mailed.

Very Respectfully.
H. R. Linderman
Asst. Treasr.

R. E. Preston. Esq.
Acting Director Mint.

August 14 7

Sir

Referring you to the accompanying correspondence with regard to the quality of certain sweeps therein specified, the following inquiries and suggestions.

1. Was there any reason why this lot of sweeps should be proved in gold than sweeps generally?

2. Was the usual pains taken in drawing samples? And please describe briefly how it was done.

Please reply at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully
H. G. Hickok
Asst Supt

Jas. L. Booth, Esq
Melter & Refiner

August 14 7

Sir.

I herewith forward, for the Secretary of the Treasury, the following certificates of deposit, in my name, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia.

1. No. 3858 for $1.62.68 coin, on account of parting, refining and Red charges.

2. No. 3859 for eleven (11) cents, coin, on account of unexpended balance of fund for manufacture of subsidiary silver coin, for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Augst 15 57

Sir

As ordered by the Acting Director of the Mint, in his letter of the 14th inst, you will please prepare and forward to the Mint at San-Francisco, as soon as practicable, the following dies.

(2) Twenty four obverse Trade Dollar,
(10) Ten — reverse do do.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ross Snowden
Supt

William Barber Esq
Engraver Mint.

August 15 7

Sir.

Yours of the 14th inst. received. As an accommodation the Mint makes assays of ores for gold or silver only. The charge is $5. for each assay, payable in advance. in currency. One half pound of average ore will be sufficient for the purpose. You can send by express, or mail, prepaying charges.

We make no charge for simply examining ores without assay.

Very Respectfully

E. A. Sloat Esq. Jas. Pollock
Supt

Clayton
Jeff. Co. N. Y.

Aug. 15th 77

Sir

I transmit herewith my Subsidiary Silver Coin, and Refinery Expenses a/c's for July 1877. and will transmit tomorrow, if possible, my Ordinary Expenses a/c. for June last; leaving any other bill yet unpaid for transmission to the Department for settlement.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. P. Gleed
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 15 7

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst, I herewith enclose Mint Memorandum No. 1079, giving the assay value of the unparted bars from the Mint at Denver, as follows,

Gold	$2,058.19
Subsidiary silver.	82.27

Very Respectfully

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 10 7

Sir.

I am unable to forward my report of official postage stamps for the month of July, because I am out of blanks for the purpose.

On the 4th of August inst, I wrote you for a further supply of these blanks, but as they have not come to hand, I fear my letter did not reach its destination. I therefore renew my application.

Very Respectfully

Hon. John Sherman.
Secretary Treasury
Washington.

J. C. Reed
Supt

August 15 7

Sir.

I herewith forward Statement of the Comers Silver workings for the month of July. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Wasserman

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

August 16 7

Sir.

Yours of the 10th inst. recd. We think does not keep old coins for sale, only proof sets of the current year, as per medal list enclosed.

You should make your application for old coins to coin dealers and collectors.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr.
E. R. Hollings,
Charleston
S. C.

August 16 7

Sir.

Please make requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor as Superintendent of this Mint, for the sum of Five hundred (5000) Dollars, in gold coin, on account of Expenses of the Refinery.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug. 16th 7

Sir

I transmit herewith my a/c of Ordinary Expenses for July 1877

Very Respectfully

J. W. Boyd

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

August 17 7

Sir

Referring to your letter (S. G.) of the 10th inst, I herewith enclose b/D No. 1120, in your favor, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, for $1.536-62 coin, on your coin transfer account, the proceeds of the recoinage of $15-½ light gold coin.

Mint Memorandum No. 1115 also enclosed.

Very Respectfully

James Gilfillan. Esq.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Asst Treas

August 17 7

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst. to the Treasurer U. S. reporting a shortage of $1,000 in a bag of Silver forwarded to you from the Mint, has been referred to me for answer. I do not understand, with our careful weighings, how this shortage could have occurred, and our coin balance settled to a cent that day; but I herewith enclose $1000. in currency, to cover the amount. Please acknowledge its receipt.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Asst Treas

Wm. H. D. Gotthard
Rome Geo

August 17 7

Sir.

In compliance with your requisition of the 15th inst. I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San-Francisco, 24 obverse, and 10 reverse Grade Dollar dies.

Express receipt herewith inclosed.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D.C.

Aug. 17th 7

Sir

I Transmit you herewith my Ordinary Expenses &c. for the Month of June 1867 also my &c. of Subsidiary Coin Expenses Closed to this date.

There will be a bill for aforesaid Ordinary &c. presented in the Course of the Coming week and which I will transmit to you for examination on its receipt.

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

Hon. N.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 17 7

Sir.

The coinage of the unparted bars belonging to your Bullion Fund, and forwarded to this Mint on the 1st of August inst. as per your letter of that date, amounted to $2,886.82 as you will see by the enclosed Mint Memorandum No. 1079.

The Adams Express Co. has to day forwarded to you the amount in the several denominations of coin called for in your letter of the 1st inst. except that I have sent you $100. in 5¢ nickels, in lieu of 5¢ silver pieces, the latter being no longer

Coined. The one cent pieces sent amount to $86.82.

You will please advise me of the arrival of this shipment.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Ellsworth
Supt

A. Silver Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver. Col.

August 18 7

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 10th inst with its enclosed copies of letters from the Melter & Refiner and the Superintendent of the Assay office at New York in regard to invoices of bullion gold forwarded by them to the Mint for coinage.

I immediately submitted them to our Melter & Refiner, and our Assayer, and now enclose their replies, in writing, for your consideration.

Prof Booths communication is full and explanatory, and I regard it as conclusive of

the question, and leaves no room for doubt that upon every principle of equity, and right and science, the Treasury office should be required to send no gold bullion to the Mint unless it is fit for coinage upon arrival, without any adjusting or experimenting on our part.

The plea that the rule established on this subject does not apply to gold by name, is an evasion. The principle involved is the same, and the reason for the rule is of equal application, and should be so regarded in practice.

The Treasurer's letter vindicates the Mint; but his closing suggestions belong to a past age.

and should be regarded as obsolete.

Very Respectfully

W. Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug. 18th 7

Messrs. Howard & Hollöhle
No. 1 John St.
New York

Gentlemen.

Your letters of Aug. 9th & 11th and the statements thereon of our Melter & Refiner, and Assayer, have this day been forwarded to the Director of the Mint at Washington, who will direct what must be done, and you will be advised accordingly.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pollock
Sup't

August 18 77

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending August 18. 1877.

Very Respectfully

[signature] Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augt 18 7

Sir.

Yours of the 17th inst. has been received.

In reply I have to say that there is no provision made by law for the redemption or exchange of 90 silver coins. You could deposit them as bullion, and receive the proceeds in Treas Dollars, or five bars, which would entail a loss to you of about 20 per cent. The bars or dollars could be exchanged by the Express Agt for subsidiary silver coin for you.

Very Respectfully
Jas E Lynch Supt

Wm. R. J. Houston
Lancaster, Pa.

Augst 18 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward papers relating to the disagreement in a lot of sweep sold to Messrs. Howard & Mohls of New York, and by them shipped, without any assay of their own, to a smelter in Sheffield, England.

I trust you will find that the Melter & Refiner, and the Assayer have made out a clear case, and that we shall have no further annoyance in this matter.

Your decision will be communicated to the party in New York.

Hon. H. R. Linderman, Very Respectfully
Director of the Mint. J. A. Ryerson Supt

U. S. Mint, Augt. 18. 1877.

The following report of Coin coined at this Mint in July, by the Assayer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, has been handed to the Assayer, Melter & Refiner, and Coiner.

Denomination	Weight. grams. &c.	Fineness. gold.	silver
Double Eagle.	670. 85	899.9	0
Trade Dollar	419. 20	"	900. 7
Half do	190. 3	"	900. 9
Quarter do	96. 45	"	900. 5.

James Pollock
Supt
Philada

Telegram 8/18 7

Acting Director Mint
Washington D.C.

Approximate amount Silver Bullion in Bullion Safe Five Hundred and Forty thousand (540.000) Ounces

J. W. Reed
Supt

Augt 18 7

Sir.

In reply to yours of the 17th inst, I have to state, that there is no law providing for the redemption or exchange of silver 20 pieces. You could deposit them as bullion, and receive the proceeds in Trade Dollars, or fine bars, which would subject you to a loss of about 20 per cent. The Trade Dollars, or bars, could be exchanged for subsidiary silver coin.

Very Respectfully

J. C. McIntosh, Esq
Springfield, Mass

Asst Treas
Dept

August 20 7

Sir.

I herewith return the draft for $500, on New York, enclosed in your letter of the 17th inst, requesting that that amount of "U. S. silver dollars - not Trade Dollars" be forwarded to Petrolia, Pa, as the Coinage Act of 1873 abolished the old silver dollar, and it is no longer coined.

Trade Dollars can be procured from the Mint by depositing silver bullion, but there is no provision of law by which they can be exchanged for currency.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock Dir

Wm. R. McKee. Cashr.
Baldwin, Pa.

August 20 1857

Gentlemen.

Yours of the 18th inst. enclosing a piece of gold for assay, has been received.

The charge for assaying will be $1. which, by rule of the Mint, must be prepaid. Please forward that amount upon the receipt of which the assay will be made.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
J. & Sloman & Co
Cincinnati
Ohio

Per W. & P.

August 20 7

Sir.

Yours of the 16th inst was
recd this morning.

We are accommodating the
Mint assays ones for gold or
silver only. The charge is $5.
currency. for each assay.

One half pound of average
ore is sufficient for the purpose
which can be sent by express
or mail prepaid.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt

Mr
John W. Bowman.
Prairie du Rocher
Ills.

Spec W & P.

August 20 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, statement "showing shipments of zinc and copper made from the Coast to the San Francisco Mint from January 1. 1869 to April 1. 1870," as called for in your letter of the 18th inst.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock.

Supt
per W-88.

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 20 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I return, corrected, the list of dates &c of U. S. coins forwarded in yours of the 18th inst. for examination.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt
Sprs Mint.

W. P. Brown, Esq
145 Nassau St
New York

August 20 7

Gentlemen.

In reply to yours of the 18th inst, I beard to state, that we could only convert your silver 8 & pieces into fine bars or Trade Dollars, as the Mint by law is required to coin subsidiary silver for the Government only, and which can be obtained in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Trade Dollars, or fine bars, can be exchanged for small silver, or sold for currency, at the Brokers.

Messrs Sonneborn & Black. Very Respectfully &
Baltimore. James Pollock Dir
per W.S.

August 21 7

Sir

I herewith transmit my Statement of Earnings and Expenditures of this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1877. as requested in your letter of the 20th inst.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt

per W.B.P.

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 21 7

Gentlemen.

Herewith I send you copy of a letter received from the Director of the Mint, in regard to your complaint in the purchase of sweeps.

Copies of your statements were sent to him, and also of the replies by our Melter and Refiner, and Assayer, copies of which will be furnished you if desired.

It is perfectly plain that the error was committed by the Smelter in Sheffield, and that your remedy lies there. We cannot agree to any

reclamation.

In any future bid, we trust you will first satisfy yourselves, by your own assays.

Very Respectfully,
James Pollock.

Supt

Messrs.
Howard & Mühlo
No 1. John St
New York.

Augst 22 7

Sir.

I herewith return the ten cent piece, enclosed in yours of the 21st inst, requesting two silver 5¢ pieces in exchange, as that coin is no longer struck by the U. S. the 5¢ nickel taking its place as per Coinage Act of 1873.

I enclose Medal circular.

Very Respectfully

James Pollock

Supt

Mint

Mr.

Jno J. Greer.

Baltimore

Md.

August 22 7

Gentlemen.

In reply to yours of the 21st inst. I have to state, that there is no provision of law for the redemption of silver coin. You could only deposit your 10 and 5 f silver pieces as bullion, and have them converted into Gold Dollars, or five bars, as you may prefer.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
P. S. & S. Small.
York
Pa

Augst 22 7

Sir

I herewith return draft for $2000. on New York, #2240. enclosed in yours of the 20th inst. ordering that amount in 50¢ coin, as it will be necessary for you to follow the instructions contained in the enclosed Treasury Circular to obtain subsidiary silver coin from the Mint.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt

Mr.
S. L. McBurney, Cash. pro tem.
Nat Bk of Rockville.
Rockville. Ind.

August 22 7.

Sir.

Yours of the 20th inst. recvd.
The only way to procure
Trade Dollars from the Mint, is
by depositing silver bullion
for coinage, there being no pro-
vision of law by which they
can be exchanged for currency.
You probably could buy
them from Brokers in the
large cities who deal in them.
The old U. S. dollar is
no longer coined.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt

Cashier.
Union City Nat Bank.
Mich.

per W. B. P.

August 28 7

Sir.

I herewith return yours of the 25th inst. with my official signatures attached, as requested.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Rowe
Supt

Hon.
James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

August 20 7

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 17th inst. inclosing draft No. 2401 a on Treasury Warrant No 1742. for $600. payable to my order, and accountable for under the following appropriations. viz.

Parting and Refining Bullion.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Ross

Supt.

Hon.
James Gilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

August 23 /

Sir.

I herewith return pay-roll, enclosed in yours of the 21st inst, with the proper approval, as requested.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. C. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 23 7

Sir.

Yours of the 22d inst. has been received.

The Mint receives gold and silver on deposit for coinage, but only in amount of $100, and over.

You probably could dispose of your gold to a jeweler, or dealer.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock

Supt

Wm.
A. W. Reed Jr
Norwich
N. Y.

August 28 7

Sir.

Yours of the 21st inst rec'd. There is no law, or regulation, by which we can exchange minor coins for silver, as you will see by the circular enclosed.

Minor coins can only be procured from the Mint in exchange for currency.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Loud

Asst

J. C. McIntash. Esq

Springfield

Mass.

Telegram

Phila. U.S. Mint Augt 25 /

J. M. Floyd
Actng. Supt. N. J. Assay Office
New York

We'll send fifty thousand trade dollars Saturday morning.

Jas. Pollock
Supt

August 24 7

Sir.

Yours of the 22d inst. has been received.

There is no law or regulation, authorizing the redemption or exchange of silver 8, and 5 ct pieces, or worn silver coin, that could only deposit them as bullion, and have them converted into Trade Dollars, or five bars, the loss to be assumed by the depositor.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ross

Supt

Wm.

Henry Fitch, Cashr.

1st Nat Bank

Lawrenceburgh Ind.

506

Augt 24 /

Messrs Joseph Steinau & Co
Cincinnati
(P.O. Box 1333)

The piece of gold ring
sent by you for assay is
366 thous. fine; or $8\frac{25}{32}$ karats.

Mine charge one dollar, paid.

Respy yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

507

August 24 7

Gentlemen.

Enclosed I hand you copies of communications from our Melter & Refiner, and Assayer received by me, on the subject of the Mint Sweeps purchased by you, as requested

Very Respectfully

Jos. Roberts

Supt

Messrs.

Howard & Mabb.

No. 1 John St

New York

509

Aug 24th 77

Sir

I transmit herewith Statements of the Mint & Refinery & Alloy A/c. for the 2nd Quarter 1877 and Silver Profit & Loss A/c. for the 1st and 2nd Quarters, 1877.

Very Respectfully
A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.